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EDDIE THOMSON

THE Socceroos got away to a tremendous start in the 1990/1994 World Cup cycle by winning the Independence Day Tournament in Jakarta by beating home team Indonesia 3-0 in the final. Whilst the Socceroos will face stiffer opposition on their next foray to South Korea for two internationals and Thailand for one, they handled the oppressive conditions and their opponents in fine style.

The Olympic Roos, all under 23, were undefeated at press time on their European sojourn, and possess some of the best young talent produced in Australia for many a long day.

Congratulations to national coach Eddie Thomson, who handled the European jaunt, and his assistant Les Scheinflug, for the good work put in by his squad in Jakarta.

— KEITH GILMOUR



LES SCHEINFLUG

NSL COUNT DOWN FIVE WEEKS

Young Roos for Fiji

THE third arm of Australia's national teams — the under 20 Young Socceroos — swing into action on Saturday in Fiji in a bid to reach the June 1992

World Youth Cup finals in Portugal.

Australia's matches in the revised draw are Sat Sept 1 v Vanuatu, Mon Sept 3 v Tahiti, Thurs Sept 6 v Fiji, Sat Sept 8 v New Zealand.

The top two teams

compete in a round robin in Israel next February, with a position in the World Youth Cup finals at

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Sydney Croatia signs Clayton Koch

BY GREG RUSSELL

EXCITING striker Clayton Koch has taken the first steps to becoming Queensland's next Frank Farina after signing with Sydney Croatia.

The 19-year-old Pine Rivers starlet agreed to terms with the NSL club after being watched by Croatia coach Tony Vrzina a fortnight ago.

Vrzina had been alerted about the outstanding teenager by Brisbane Croatia contacts and Koch certainly didn't waste the Sydney coach's scouting trip north.

He netted a hat-trick in Rivers' 5-1 whitewashing of fellow finals contenders Taringa Rovers.

Koch opted for the Sydney Croatia offer ahead of a bid from Melbourne's Sunshine George Cross.

Croatia sealed the deal with a \$7000 transfer fee, more than double Sunshine's opening offer.

But the fee is set to be a bargain as Koch is

rated by many as the state's best product since the Cairns-born Farina.

Koch also opted for Sydney as it will enable him to join his Young Socceroo brother John, another Pines River product who was signed by Sydney Olympic from the AIS.

"Croatia offered me more money and a better contract all-round than Sunshine," Koch said.

Although the youngster has been among the most outstanding players in the XXXX League this season and made his state debut against Charlton Athletic, he has no illusions about the task ahead in Sydney.

"At Sunshine I might have started in the top team but I will have to work my way at Croatia," he said.

"I am thrilled about it all because it is going to be tough going from the XXXX League to a strange club and city. But I am going to give it my best shot."

Koch's transfer is a

blow to Queensland's hopes of fielding a competitive team in the National League in 1991.

The state has been promised a place in the

NSL under the Bradley Report recom-

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Yardley winner Greg Brown



Soccer's winner in the 1990 Yardley Gold Awards — Greg Brown of Parramatta Melita Eagles. Flanking him is Australian Soccer Federation chairman John Constantine and former Liverpool star Craig Johnston.



Canterbury Marrickville's Tomas Dvljak has his eyes on the football as he wends his way past a Polonia defender at Arlington Oval on Saturday. Result: 0-0. — Pic: STEPHEN GOSCZ/AVENEWS.

Zelic fabulous — Davo returns

BY LOU GAUTIER

SOCEROO coach Eddie Thomson will add Branko Milosevic and Ned Zelic to squad for the two matches against South Korea next month in Seoul and Pusan.

Thomson, speaking from Wettingen, Switzerland, after Australia's Olympic team had held its Swiss

counterpart to a 0-0 draw last Wednesday, made no secret that he considers the games against World Cup finalists South Korea far more important than the Indonesian Independence tournament in Jakarta.

Thomson sees the games against South Korea, Asia's top team, as the real start of the Socceroos' 1994 World Cup campaign.

Thomson raved ab-

out Zelic, who was described by Scottish scribes after the 1-1 draw with Dundee United as a "new Beckenbauer" — high praise indeed.

Thomson rates Zelic the best prospect he has seen and believes that within a couple of years he will be the country's top sweeper — by a long shot.

In Seoul, however, the sweeper's role may be filled by Alan Davidson, who has been coaxed back into the national team — as captain.

Thomson will also add Branko Milosevic to the Korean squad.

Milosevic returned from trials in Germany two weeks ago and figures in Thomson's plans as a playmaker.

It has also been announced that Victorian Director of Coaching, Tim White, has been appointed



Alan Davidson

Thomson's assistant for the Korean visit.

White is on the short list of candidates who have applied for the Australian Director of Coaching position.

To follow Stephen Corica

Queenslanders vie for ANZ award

BY GREG RUSSELL

TARINGA pair Glenn Gwynne and Sean Cranney are among the leading contenders for the prestigious Queensland Soccer ANZ Colt of the year award.

The duo, who have been instrumental in the club's charge towards a first-ever semi-finals appearance, head a list of talented youngsters who have continued to maintain Queensland's reputation as one of Australia's leading soccer nurseries.

The teenagers' form this season have stamped them as leading contenders for the proposed Brisbane United National League team.

Their coach, Glenn Davis, believe both have the ability to go further and represent Australia.

"In every sense, the ball is at their feet," Davis said. "The ability is there for them to be whatever they want in the game."

"I am sure if they set the national team as a goal, it is an aim they will achieve."

Gwynne came to Taringa after being unearthed in Cairns by

state coach Bruce Stowell.

Stowell had no doubts about the classy midfielder-defender's abilities and made him captain of the state youth side.

Gwynne, 18, also gained selection in the Australian schoolboys' team last year and was player of the tour after its trip to the UK and America in January.

Gwynne's versatility has been highlighted with him playing every position along the Taringa back four and more recently in midfield.

"He's certainly helped us out more than once this season," Davis said.

Cranney this season has emerged from the shadows created by the spotlight on his brother Troy, who starred for Coalstars before heading to the Institute of Sport from where he has since been signed by Sunshine George Cross.

The Ipswich product is an exciting midfielder-striker who has added an unpredictability to the Rovers attack.

Cranney's turn of speed and exciting skills have caught opposition defence wrongfooted as he burst from the centre of the park.

"On his day, there are few that can stop Sean," Davis said.

"He has an ability to make a tiny gap look like a gaping hole in the opposition's defence."

The ANZ Colt of the Year, now in its fourth year, is one of the richest youth prizes in Australian football. The winner receives \$1500 and a \$250 trophy.

Last season's Colt of the Year was another country product, Cairns' Australian Youth Representative Stephen Corica, now based at the AIS.

Other winners include North Star midfielder Shane Haddow and Brisbane Lions goalkeeper Jason Kearton, now with Everton.

A GOAL FIESTA

WHILE SBS-TV runs its six best matches of Italia '90 every Sunday afternoon from 4.30pm there is little doubt in my mind about which was the most enjoyable match at Italia '90.

The day before the semi-finals, UNICEF staged a fund raising match at the Flaminio Stadium in Rome.

Along with 15,000 other fans I went along to see the veterans of South America take on the veterans of Europe.

Old fashioned football at its best featuring some of the biggest names in the game.

The final score Europe 10 South America 6.

Outstanding for Europe was Bobby Charlton, a great favourite with the Italian fans.

Not far behind was Paolo Rossi, scorer of five goals, Rummenigge, Boniek, Causio, Altobelli, Hansi Muller, Liam Brady and that grand old man Altafini.

The South Americans had many stars too.

The great Zico led the pack with four goals.

Junior, Falcao, the new manager of Brazil, Dirceu, Rivelino and Ramirez.

Great entertainment and many great goals as well.

The goals by the way didn't go to waste either as the South American radio men thrived on the chance to scream their famous "GOAL" sixteen times in just 90 minutes.

SBS-TV's best six matches are: Italy v Czechoslovakia, England v Belgium, England v West Germany, Italy v England, England v Cameroon and West Germany v Holland.

—JOHN WARREN

Easthorpe could join the Saints

BY PHIL MARTIN



RANDELL EASTHORPE

TOUGH as nails South African born striker Randell Easthorpe has been offered terms by St George.

Easthorpe's strength, shooting power and ability to take the knocks would be a huge bonus at St George Stadium.

But his present club Wollongong City will want real brass for him.

One possibility

would see Saints defender David Green switching to Brandon Park, with a cash adjustment Wollongong's way.

Wollongong City supporters are raising funds to bring Alex Bundalo back from Lambert Park.

Bundalo left Wollongong when John Fleming held the coaching reins.

That one won't be so

Development plan returns in NSW

BY KEITH GILMOUR



Ian Holmes

THE NSW Soccer Federation is expected to get back to basics for the 1991 winter season.

There is no doubt that the involvement of National Soccer League clubs has not worked to the advantage of the state.

NSW Soccer Federation general manager

Ian Holmes said:

"We were trying to do something, but it didn't work out."

"We put it in the background and have paid the price."

It seems that the Federation will again put its energies and resources behind State League Divisions 1 and 2.

On top of that, the closest examination will be directed towards the strength of club teams, general administration, promotion and finance.

In particular the clubs will be pressed to provide better spectator facilities where this is deficient now.

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Melita's Greg Brown wins Gold for soccer

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

GREG Brown, Melita's ace goalscorer, took out the magnificent Yardley Gold award in the soccer section, a prize of \$1,000 in gold bullion.

Previous Yardley Gold Soccer winners were Frank Farina and Ray Vlietstra.

At a splendid dinner, organised by the giant perfumery firm, Yardley of London and held at the plush Hotel Inter-Continental in Sydney last week, Brown burst through to the front to score Gold.

The 27 year-old Brown who migrated to Australia in 1987 from New Zealand to join Raul Blanco's Melita Eagles, was born in Manchester, England.

Brown's award was thoroughly deserved, staving off strong challenges from hot favourites from Melbourne Hellas' left midfielder Peter Tsolakis and Sydney Olympic's dynamic striker, Abbas Saad.

Melita Eagles, who

were newly promoted to the NSL, finished the season in a most creditable seventh position, largely due to the courageous efforts of Brown in the attack.

Brown was presented with his Gold bullion award by former Liverpool star, Craig Johnston and Australian Soccer Federation chairman John Constantine.

Brown told ASW: "Obviously I'm deeply honoured in winning this fine award."

"I'm very grateful to the Yardley Company."

Sam Vella, president of Melita Eagles and the man who was responsible for enticing Brown to join Melita from New Zealand, was especially proud, saying: "I jumped for joy when Greg's name was read out for the simple fact that Greg is a prominent member of the Melita family."

Brown, who was the top goalscorer in the

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Yardley Media Awards

THREE special Gold Awards were made to members of the Media.

First prize went to Sydney's Sunday Telegraph writer, Mike Colman.

Second prize was presented to Melbourne's Scott Palmer of the Sunday Sun.

Third prize went to ASW and Greek Herald writer, John Economos.

NSL clubs head for records in 1990/91

BY GREG BLAKE

INDIVIDUAL NSL club milestones likely to be set during the up-coming 1990/91 season include Marconi's 650th NSL goal and South Melbourne's 100th home victory.



Last season's champion Sydney Olympic will play its 350th league game in round 8 of the new season and the reigning premier needs only 24 season goals for a total of 500 in league competition. Runner-up Marconi starts the new season as the only NSL club in history to boast a better away goals average than goals scored at home.

Its fourth goal of the new campaign will be its 650th in league competition, adding to its current total of 324 in 185 home games and 322 in 183 games on the road.

Seven goals into the year and Marconi will have totalled 750 goals in league, cup and finals competition.

St George needs just 12 more league games for a 350 total and one away win for 50 in total.

If the club concedes 26 goals for the season it will become one of the few with 500 goals against in NSL history.

Melbourne Croatia is 26 games away from its 200 milestone and 12 wins away from its 100th in league games.

Should Preston hit the net 27 times at Connor Reserve it will hit the 250 mark for goals scored on its home turf.

Adelaide City is shooting for nine wins to bring up 150 in league competition and three league goals at home will give it an impressive 300 scored in matches at home in the South Australian capital.

Three more competition goals will make Adelaide City just the third side to boast 600 goals in league, cup and finals matches.

Sydney Croatia is just 26 games from its first 200 in the league and a single defeat will mean 50 in total.

Sydney Croatia is just nine wins away from its first 100 in league, cup and top

five games and nine goals from 300 in all competitions.

South Melbourne will break the 100 home wins barrier if it can win two at Middle Park and the Melbourne giant is just a single goal away from 300 league goals at home.

Twelve goals will give the club a 550 total in league games and 27 goals will help it to the 650 mark in all competitions.

Wollongong is ten games from the 250 league games mark and one defeat away from 100 league defeats.

Five home wins will give it 50 in league competition.

APIA is nine wins away from its first 150 in NSL league, Cup and finals matches.

Sunshine George Cross is just 26 games away from the 200 league match mark (and they said they



couldn't last!) and two wins away from its 50th in the league.

A total of 23 league goals would give the Melbourne club 200 in league competition and three goals conceded at Skinner Reserve would mean 100 against in home match history.

Should Adelaide Hellas return to NSL ranks it is just three home goals from a total of 150 in the league and three away goals from 150 on the road.

Eleven wins would bring up the South Australian club's 100th league victories and more than 12 goals conceded would give it 500 against in all league, cup and finals matches played.

NSL promotion Round-Robin

THE National Soccer League will break with tradition in this year's NSL promotion play-offs.

The champions of Victoria, South Australia and Queensland will meet for the first time in a six-match round-robin.

The winner will be promoted to the NSL for the second summer season.

The NSW State League winners will again be promoted automatically.

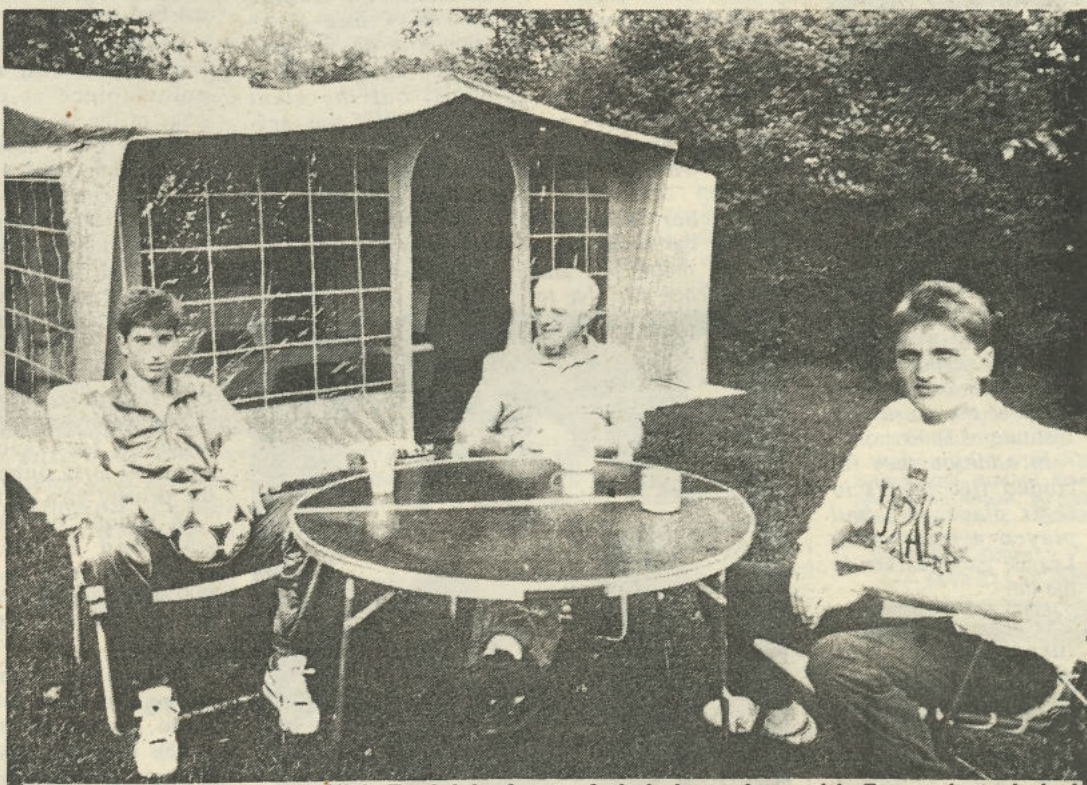
The round-robin draw is:

- **September 5:** Adelaide Hellas v Brisbane Lions.
- **September 9:** Brisbane Lions v Adelaide Hellas.
- **September 12:** Victorian champions v Adelaide Hellas.
- **September 16:** Adelaide Hellas v Victorian champions.
- **September 19:** Brisbane Lions v Vic champions.
- **September 23:** Victorian champion v Brisbane Lions.

Young Aussies' Dutch treat

BY GEORGE VAN ZANDEN

TWO young Australians, Gary van der Plaats and Nick Tonini, from Canberra City, have just completed the experience of their young lives after training as guests of Dutch First Division club FC Emmen.



Gary van der Plaats and Nick Tonini in front of their bungalow with Emmen's technical director Piet van der Scheer

It all started last year when I accepted an invitation from FC Emmen to watch them play Telstar during one of my regular visits back to my homeland.

As a former Emmen player I got to be friendly with Emmen's technical director, Piet van der Scheer, and we have kept in contact ever since.

When Gary and Nick told me they would like to test their skills in Holland, I arranged an official invitation for the boys to take part in Emmen's training for a fortnight.

The chance to mix it with professionals was too tempting and they gladly accepted.

After they sold their cars to help pay for the airfares, they first went to Italy to stay with Nick Tonini's grandparents for a while.

They arrived at Emmen and a suppor-

ter of the club provided them with a bungalow.

Gary and Nick hail from Cooma, in the Australian Alps, where football is in competition with rugby league and Australian rules.

A former West German player who played for Sankt Pauli, Kurt Hopfe, coached them at school before they joined Canberra City.

The boys were well looked after and made to feel important at Emmen where they were treated with respect.

The training was hard at first as the professionals are just that quicker on the ball, but they both thought they fitted in nicely after a few days.

"There was some hard tackling," Nick Tonini said. "They were trying to rough us up a bit to find out how

we would react."

Gary van der Plaats said the Aussies could mix it with the best of them and that only one player, Emmen's new signing from East Germany, Jens Pahlke, was in a class of his own.

Unfortunately for the Australian lads, dispute arose between Emmen committee-men and the sponsors of the club.

The Emmen players asked the Dutch Players' Union to prevent the sponsors taking over their club and an embarrassed coach was forced to halt coaching for a week as the players were on strike.

"That was very bad luck for us, but we really enjoyed the time we spent there coaching," Gary said.

"We got a taste of professional football

and were most disappointed when the training was stopped.

"The people were great but we came to play football, so we decided to pack our bags and go home."

Both young Australians will be richer for their Dutch experience.

Homebush out

It looks as if the plan announced some time ago by NSW premier Nick Greiner to build a soccer stadium at Homebush Bay has been put on indefinite hold. The premier has confirmed that there is no budget for the ground as well as the promised new Sydney Showground. Meanwhile, the handy but outdated Sydney Athletic Field remains to provide a venue for mainly NSW State League Div 2 fixtures.

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Understrength Croatia upsets W'gong Macedonia

BY PHIL MARTIN

WOLLONGONG Macedonia switched their away game with Sydney Croatia to Barrack Heights Oval as the Croatian Sports Centre was undergoing renovations and had to settle this game for a 1-1 draw.

Croatia had been beaten a week earlier by lowly North Shore United and were without five regulars, who had been called into camp at the Australian Institute of Sport.

In addition they included five others in their place who had played a full Youth League game earlier in the day.

It was, therefore, surprising that they were able to hold unbeaten league leaders Macedonia to a draw.

With a stiff gale at their backs Macedonia persisted with attacks featuring high crosses, easy pickings for lanky Croatia keeper Zeljko Kalac.

The Wollongong side had no goals to show for their first half wind assistance and eventually took the lead in the 81st minute as coach Casey de Bruin became increasingly frustrated.

A far-from-fit Paul Kay controlled the midfield as well as ever.

He combined with Graeme Fletcher and Adam Sandy and set

up Brett Thornthwaite whose shot was helped into the net by a Croatia defender.

Fletcher nearly made it 2-0 to bring a smile of relief to his supporters' faces, when he was put through by Thornthwaite in the 85th minute.

Fletcher, however, hit the bar from inside the six metre box and the defence was able to

ing wounded, John Bradley, who missed most of the second half, Martin Bourke and Kay had done enough in the first half to set up a swag of goals, but the giant keeper Kalac was never tested on the ground where he can sometimes be found out.

Two draws in a row, though still unbeaten, leaves Wollongong Macedonia only two



Action by the colonnades at Arlington Park. Result Canterbury (dark shirts) 0, Polonia 0 — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS Pic.

make a hasty clearance.

The very youthful Croatia won a corner in the dying stages and Eddie Alnovic swung the ball over from the right from Peter Badzaric to head home for a shock equalizer.

Wollongong's walk-

points in front of their only rivals Canberra Croatia, who have a game in hand.

Berries, Polonia divide the spoils

BY PAUL GOODWIN

THESE two mid-table sides came up with a fairly routine 0-0 result at Arlington Oval on Saturday.

Neither side really impressed and the point apiece at this stage of the season was probably quite acceptable to both coaches.

Canterbury goalkeeper Dragan Pupovac was rarely called into action, taking care of any speculative shots that arose and denying Lech Kulwicki the one chance for a breakthrough.

The canny sweeper lifted a free kick, awarded just outside the penalty area in the 57th minute, over the wall and Pupovac made a fine save to tip the shot intended for the top corner over the bar.

Bruce Thurlow had marginally more work to do, getting his legs in the way of a Louis Dounis drive, when the Canterbury striker cut infield after a move down the left flank in the 81st minute.

The only other Berries' effort of note was when Harry Adamou made a diving header after a shot had rebounded off the post in the 20th minute, but Thurlow was able to save easily. A shot, instead, might have



Canterbury (dark shirts) have the position under control in last Saturday's NSW State League encounter with Polonia — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS Pic.

given the goalie less chance.

Debut boy, 19 year old Danny Serjak, did a good job in the centre of the Polonia defence, but Marshall Soper had a quiet afternoon.

With a double-header this coming weekend Polonia will be looking to Soper, in particular, to lift the side to a more respectable position after games against Inter Monaro and Sydney Croatia.

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE: Pupovac, Adamou, Hantzis, J. Radman, Kalogeras, Millessourgos, Divjak, Godzik, Lardis (Sen-

tas 80), Dounis, Oustambasidis.
POLONIA: Thurlow, M Pratt (Colusso 70), C. Thompson,

Serjak, Kulwicki, D. Pratt (Mojsa 22), Drys, G. Thompson, Beamer, Soper, Nowicki.
REFEREE: Nick Xanthos.

Saints, Sharks scoreless but camped in Top Four

An almost deserted St George Stadium witnessed a rather uneventful scoreless draw between St George and Sutherland on Saturday.

There was some controversy, however, for at the end of the first half an appeal for handball in the St George penalty area came as the half time whistle sounded.

The referee did not allow the penalty to be taken and the players left the field in some dispute.

Harry Christadoulou came closest for Sutherland in the 55th minute, taking the ball forward from the 40 metre mark and seeing his shot from 20 metres rock the upright and away to

safety.

Adam Poric had the best chance for the home side in second-half injury time.

A curling free kick by the promising youngster went around the wall and also hit the post, with Dart beaten.

Apart from some disappointment about the presentation of the game, expressed by the Sutherland camp, there was very little about the afternoon's events worth commenting on.

The points shared will have done little to help either side in their efforts to say in the title race.

ST GEORGE: Prentice, Ciantar, Haraghi, Hickman, Milicevic, McGregor, Folladisa, Poric, Adioski, Freestone, El Ali.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Webber, Sellar, Terry, Biscaya, Tasker, Edmunds, Christadoulou, Sharp, Bard, Leney.
REFEREE: Peter Spiers.

RESULTS CONFERENCE A

Avala 0 Rockdale-Ilinden 0, Wollongong City 0 BHP Austral 0, Canberra Croatia 3 (Reis, Vanzetti, Ravenello) Sydney Olympic 2 (Cardoso 2) Warringah-Freshwater 5 (Versi 2, Irlarte 2, Gigliotti), Marconi-Fairfield bye.

CONFERENCE B

North Shore United v Blacktown City postponed, Sydney Croatia 1 (Badzaric) Wollongong Macedonia 1 (Fletcher), St George 0 Sutherland Shire 0, Canterbury-Marrickville 0 Polonia 0, Inter-Monaro bye.

LEADING SCORERS: 10 Grant Bard (Sutherland), Scott Gilbert (Sydney Mac), Alan Reis (Canberra), 9 Tony Lemeza (Canberra), Bruno Beddoni (Rockdale), Osvaldo El Ali (St George), Graeme Fletcher (Wollongong Mac), 7 Miladin Kuc (Avala), 6 John Danzo (Wollongong City), Greg Brown (Wollongong Mac), David Suman (Blacktown), Stuart Porter (Rockdale), 5 Jason Oldridge (Wollongong City), Paul Welch (Avala), Shawn Freestone (St George), Anthony Surjan (Marconi), 4 Lawrie McKinna (Blacktown), Jerzy Drys (Polonia), David Seal (Sydney Croatia), Adam Poric, (St George), Jose Irlarte, Anthony Versi (both Warringah).

Skeen returns for Wolves

FOR the second time in a row Newcastle and Wollongong City figured in a draw game and for the BHP Austral side it was the second scoreless occasion as well.

Newcastle retained the Steel City Cup contested by the clubs for the past four years.

A very stiff breeze blew for most of the game, giving each side, in turn, a distinct advantage.

David Skeen made his return to the side after a dispute over terms and had a shot which sailed over the bar in the 22nd minute as the Wolves put the wind to good use.

Pat Brodnik intercepted a back pass by David Jones and was denied by Craig Carter, also who got down well to a speculative Brodnik drive in the 30th minute.

Jason Oldridge had another over the top for the home side in the 40th when he cut out a clearance held up in the wind.

Brett Porter could have given Australs a bright start in the 11th when he received the ball from a throw, but failed to show enough

dash in the six yard area.

In the second period Newcastle held sway, with Porter much sharper, although still off target.

A free kick by Bobby Naumov in the 67th minute went over the wall, but George Bouhoutsos saved well.

Craig Carter had to be quickly off his line and out of his area to clear from a long ball forward by Wollongong which could have spelled trouble in the 75th when the wind dropped.

Soon after Bouhoutsos did the same for his side, which enjoyed its best period in the last ten minutes.

Nevertheless it was Newcastle which could have sewn thing up in the last minute.

A penalty awarded for a foul on Naumov by David Ratcliffe was taken by Naumov, whose shot was cleverly saved by Bouhoutsos diving to his left.

Another goal famine for Australs, who have found it harder this year than ever to chalk up two-pointers.

The Wolves again were unbeaten in a run which stretches back to the end of the first round and it could well continue to the end of

the competition at this rate.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouhoutsos, Higgs, Morlando, Allport, Ratcliffe, Skeen, McEvoy (Dimovski 75), Baggett, Brodnik, Danzo, Oldridge.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Jones, Boogaard, Tredinick, Bowen, Naumov, Maier, Bailey, Ironside, Milletic (Caimakamis 46), Porter (Brandt 70).
REFEREE: John McConnell.



Stacks on the mill as Canterbury defend desperately against Polonia (light shirt) at Arlington Oval. The game was scoreless — see report. Photo: STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.

NSW Composite Tables

1ST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong Mac	13	8	5	0	27	14	21
Canberra	12	8	3	1	32	11	19
St George	14	7	5	2	28	14	19
Sutherland Shire	13	6	6	1	22	10	18
Sydney Macedonia	13	7	2	4	21	19	16
Rockdale Ilinden	13	6	3	4	20	12	15
Warringah	13	7	1	5	21	15	15
BHP Austral	12	5	4	3	12	8	14
Wollongong City	14	6	2	6	21	23	14
Sydney Croatia	13	4	5	4	22	20	13
Avala	13	5	3	5	23	23	13
Canterbury	14	3	6	5	15	22	12
Blacktown City	12	4	2	6	19	20	10
Polonia	12	2	5	5	8	11	9
North Shore Utd	12	3	2	7	10	26	8
Marconi	12	2	2	8	10	29	6
Inter Monaro	11	1	2	8	9	23	4
Sydney Olympic	12	1	0	11	11	31	2

UNDER 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warringah	13	8	3	2	27	19	19
Avala	13	8	2	3	23	14	18
Sydney Macedonia	13	6	5	2	28	18	17
Blacktown City	12	7	2	3	19	11	16
Wollongong City	14	7	2	5	16	18	16
Canberra	12	5	5	2	22	11	15
Wollongong Mac	13	6	3	4	18	17	15
Inter Monaro	11	5	4	2	17	11	14
BHP Austral	11	4	5	2	19	13	13
Polonia	12	4	4	4	15	12	12
Sydney Croatia	12	5	2	5	20	18	12
St George	14	3	6	5	16	22	12
Sutherland Shire	13	4	3	6	16	17	11
North Shore Utd	11	4	2	5	17	17	10
Canterbury	14	4	2	8	17	30	10
Sydney Olympic	12	3	2	7	15	24	8
Rockdale Ilinden	11	2	0	9	11	20	4
Marconi	13	0	2	11	17	41	2

Young Vanzetti, Ravanello aid Canberra Croatia

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Croatia supporters got a glimpse of the future at Deakin Oval on Sunday — and it looks good.

Two players young enough to be with the club through the 1990s and beyond put their fledgling talents on display, and both scored and starred in the 3-1 NSW League win over Sydney Macedonia.

For 18-year-old Steve Vanzetti it was the kind of goal that brings spectators back to the game.

His 35-metre screamer followed a long throw and Macedonia goalkeeper Tony Avellino could only admire the ball on its way into the net.

It came at a crucial point for Croatia shortly after the interval, just as the game was in danger of set-

ting into a grim 1-1 deadlock.

After Vanzetti it was the turn of Andy Ravanello, 17, coming on as a substitute, who finished things off for the home side in the 79th minute.

Less spectacular than his colleague's effort, it was nevertheless excellently worked with Danny Serena setting up Ray Junna for a cross.

The ball was spot on for Ravanello who had positioned himself at the far post to head downwards into the net.

Croatia took the lead in the 24th minute thanks to the cunning of two of its established stars, Alan Reis and Jason Dunn.

Joe Galletti had been felled by Tane Maleski a metre or two outside the penalty area.

As Reis lined up the

free kick Dunn moved purposefully out of defence towards the far post.

The striker appeared to signal the obvious ball to Dunn's head — and almost at once fired in a wicked, dipping shot which went in at the foot of the near post.

Macedonia got back into the game within four minutes when Junna allowed the visitors to get free on the right.

With Scott Gilbert unmarked and in a menacing position, Dunn handled in the penalty area and Gilbert took his shot well to score from the spot.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Marcina, Vanzetti (Ravanello 68), Dunn, Young, Galletti, Dukic, Junna, Reis, Serena, Mazis (Sermann 80).

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Souris, Cakovski, Pilovski, Reveley, Maleski, Kotsias, Fernandez, Gilbert, Spirovski, Kadric.

REFEREE: Chris Smythe. CROWD: 957.



Canterbury Marrickville Olympic's Louis Dounis gets his weight behind the football at Arlington. Canterbury 0 Polonia 0. Pic STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.

Close battle for Rockdale and Avala

BY DAVID COOPER

ROCKDALE Ilinden kept its final four hopes alive they fought out a tough 0-0 draw with Avala at Melita Stadium.

A game which promises so much produced so little — neither side was able to come to term with the extremely windy conditions.

The first half saw Avala with the wind advantage but they failed to use it as Rockdale battled away and nearly caught Avala on the break on numerous occasions.

In the 41st minute after one of those breaks Rockdale received a free-kick on the edge of the box.

Greg Lerond hit his shot against the wall and on his second attempt he had it cleared off the line by David Scott and Stewart Porter could not finish off with the goal in his sights.

With the wind at their backs in the second half, Rockdale seemed to have the edge on their opponents.

However it was Avala who had the first chance of the half when replacement Vince Nastoski showed tremendous skill to firstly steal the ball and then proceed to beat three defenders.

His shot from the edge of the box forced a good low down save from Keith Warren in the Rockdale goal.

The closest both sides came to scoring was from another piece of individual brilliance when Rockdale's Zlatko Markovski received the ball from a throw-in.

He turned his man brilliantly, dribbled towards goal and then let fly with a left-foot shot which beat everyone except for the post and it rebounded away to the relief of Avala's defenders.

With only minutes to go, Rockdale were handed the best chance of the match when sloppy defence from Avala allowed Bruno Bedoni a

free run at goal and with only the goalkeeper to beat he put his shot wide.

AVALA: Rodic, Vrankovic (Nastoski), Scott, Benitez, Vukmirovic, Berry, Meades, Vasic (McKie), Fitzharris, Ivastanin, Welch.

ROCKDALE: Warren, Willis, Segreto, Navmovski, Campbell, Wilson, Petrovski, Markovski, Porter, Bedoni, Lerond.

REFEREE: A. Townsend.

Warringah spans Olympic

WARRINGAH Freshwater recorded a resounding 5-2 victory over last-placed Sydney Olympic at St George Stadium.

Running into a strong breeze in the first half Warringah had sewn up the game by half-time when they went into the break with a 3-0 lead.

Helped by some undisciplined play by the Sydney Olympic, which saw two penalties awarded to Warringah in the first half plus the sending off of George Georgopoulos, Warringah continued on in the second half, after a spirited fightback by Sydney Olympic.

Penalties to Versi (21st) and Iriate (33rd), which resulted in Georgopoulos being sent off after an off-the-ball incident with Versi, put Warringah in the box seat and a goal to Morsen minutes before half-time saw them take a 3-0 lead.

Another penalty to Warringah only minutes after the restart, saw Versi convert his second penalty kick to give Warringah a 4-0 lead.

Sydney Olympic hit back when Cardozo had an easy tap in, after Mikuletic could only parry away a shot from an Araujo.

Iriate then scored his second and Warringah's fifth when Sterrey put



him through with a lovely pass and he calmly slotted it past the advancing goalkeeper, Gary Meier.

With only minutes remaining Sydney Olympic scored their second when Cardozo stole the ball and his angled drive from about 25 metres beat the outstretched arms of Mikuletic.

WARRINGAH: Mikuletic, Etherington, Sterrey, Dean (Battaglia), Knight, Morsen, Masi, Lee, Iriate, Gigliotti, Versi (Grimes).

REFEREE: E. Cohen.

— DAVID COOPER

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WED SEPT 5

State League Conference A: BHP Austral v Sydney Olympic, Austral Park 6pm, 8pm.

Div 2: Southern Dists v Waverley, Sydney Athletic Field 7pm.



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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

Warringah v Rockdale Ilinden Cromer Park

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Polonia v Inter Monaro Chopin Park

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Waverley v Campbelltown Vik Coral Sea
Rosebery v Fairfield City E S Marks Field

FEDERATION LEAGUE 3

Bankstown v Mt Pritchard Jensen Park
Uni of NSW v Cyprus United Little Bay Oval
Lemnos Allstars v Port Hacking Seymour Shaw

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

Marconi v Sydney Olympic Marconi Stadium
Avala v Canberra Croatia Melita Stadium
Sydney Macedonia v BHP Austral Jensen Oval
Wollongong City — bye

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Inter Monaro v St George Marco Polo
Sutherland Shire v Canterbury Seymour Shaw
Polonia v Sydney Croatia Chopin Park
W'gong Macedonia v North Shore Utd Brandon Park
Blacktown City — bye

DIVISION 2

Auburn Yugal v Central Coast Mona Park
Dulwich Hill v Southern District Arlington Oval
Gladesville Hby v Petersham Christie Park
Orange Waratah v Granville Chile Waratah Sports Gd
Mt Druitt Town v Manly Warringah Popondetta

FEDERATION LEAGUE 3

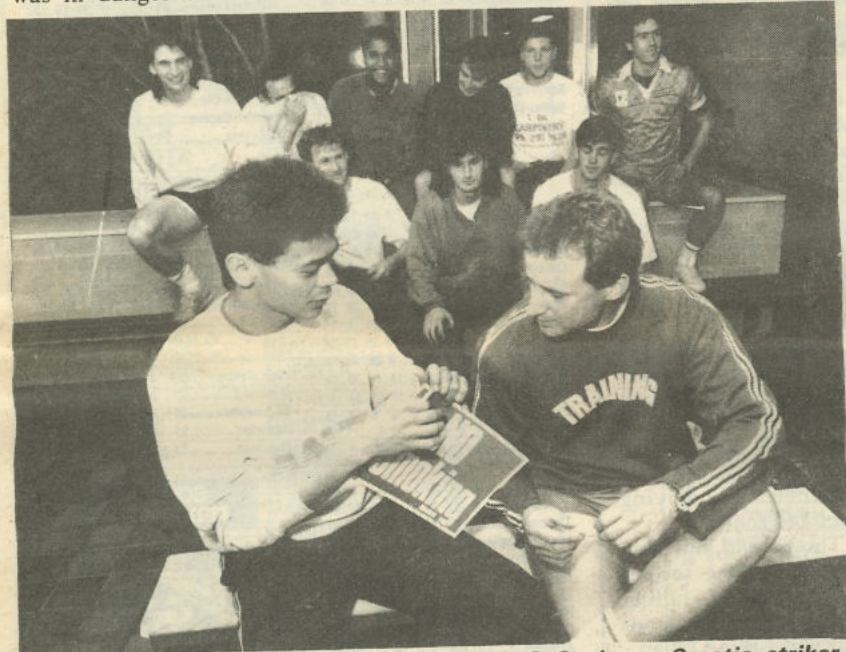
Bathurst 75 v Concordia Kelso Park
West Wanderers v Canterbury & Dists Harold Read Res
North Ryde RSL v Hills United Magdala Park

All games kick-off 3pm with U19 at 1pm, with BHP Austral 2.30pm and 12.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

See State League action this week!

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All fired up for the Quit National League? Canberra Croatia striker Alan Reis (left) and midfielder Stan Dukic, the only smokers in the NSW League side's first-team squad, promise to kick the habit should Croatia win promotion to the Quit Campaign-sponsored national competition. Their team mates in the background act as witnesses. Picture: Courtesy The Canberra Times.



A Manchester City defender eyes the football in their first round encounter with Tottenham Hotspur last Saturday. Home side Spurs won 3-1.

Thrilling Arena Football finish

BY BOB GENNER

THE 1990 NSW State League Arena Football is rapidly drawing to a close with the last competition round being played next Monday, September 3.

The competition has been running since April with many leading and former National League players spread across all the teams.

Siska Filipovic has skipped away in the race as the highest goal scorer.

The former White Eagles star has joined Commodores and will be a part of this team in future competitions.

All State League matches are held at Fairfield Leisure Centre, Vine Street, Fairfield.

The semi-finals and finals will be played at 7pm on Monday, September 10 before a large crowd.

In the opening game on August 20, Tornadoes led from as early as the fourth minute when Robin Younan put his side ahead.

But Peach-Munn did not surrender easily and fought back to 2-2 and finally a win with less than 10 seconds to go.

The Strikers A team put their skills up against the Condell Park Pretti Boys team in the next game.

The match was very even, with only the odd goal separating the sides all way through.

Again, it was only in the final stages that Pretti Boys knocked in the equaliser.

In game 3, Olympic proved too strong for Celtic before running out 5-1 winners.

Semi-final contenders Liverpool bounded away from the Strikers B team to the tune of 8-0 to maintain their momentum.

The team recently beat Commodores, the competition leaders, in their last clash.

In the final match, Mario's Boys proved

too classy for Epping YMCA, leading all the way to win 7-2.

Overall, 36 goals were scored in the five games on the night.

NEXT GAMES (September 3): 7pm — Tornadoes v Celtic, 7.45pm — Peach-Munn v Strikers B, 8.30pm — Mario's Boys v Commodore, 9.15pm — Pretti Boys v Liverpool, 10pm — Strikers A v Epping.

LEADING SCORERS: Filipovic 61, White 30, Bogicevic 30, Rago 19, Younan 17, Valestro 16, Genc 16.

POINTS TABLE at 20.8.90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Commodores	18	16	0	2	154	41	48
Liverpool	19	11	2	6	55	38	37
Olympic	19	11	1	7	65	53	35
Pretti Boys	18	9	2	7	58	63	31
Tornadoes	18	9	2	7	73	63	31
Strikers A	18	9	2	7	70	61	30
Peach-Munn	18	6	3	9	49	50	25
Epping	18	7	0	11	44	60	21
Striker B	18	6	0	12	47	107	18
Mario's Boys	18	5	0	13	42	69	15
Celtic	18	3	1	14	35	76	11

2ND DIVISION RESULTS

Waverley v Southern Districts abandoned after 60 minutes due to floodlight failure, Mount Druitt 1 (Smith) Dulwich Hill Madeira 2 (Duarte pen, Karavatakis), Gladesville Hornsby 4 (Voloder, Maxwell 2, Giometti) Manly Warringah 1 (Walton), Orange-Waratah 1 (Rooke) Rosebery Portugal 2 (Stoddart, Erkin Osman), Central Coast 0 Fairfield City 0, Auburn Yugal 0 Southern Districts 1 (Taskin), Campbelltown Vikings 0 Rosebery 1 (Erkin Osman pen), Dulwich Hill Madeira 8 (Duarte 4, Donoso 2, Karavatakis, Johnson), Orange-Waratah 1 (Davidson), Fairfield City 0 Mount Druitt 1 (Smith).

LEADING SCORERS: 16 Dennis Duarte, 15 Barry Walker, 13 Sep Disch, Graeme Williamson, 11 Paul Harriott, Andy Ferris, Steve Karavatakis, 10 Leo Ulloa, 9 Darren Stephenson, Paul Pettenon, 8 Ozcan Celik, Remy Galloway, 7 Gurkan Tasdemir, Birol Sertbas, Ray Carney, Wayne Farnsworth, 6 Mark Butler, Paul Corbett, Jason Gribble, Ugher Taskin, Craig Smith, 5 Andrew Ollier, Gary Hastie, Jim Berry, Nello Borges, Alberto Arbelo, Aytac Genc, Craig Lowe, Bernie Voloder, Ron Davidson, Erkin Osman, 4 Vlado Zoric, Stephen Hooper, Max Defelibus, Chris Butt, Tiz Morosini, Steve Blackburn, Glen Hooper, Radovan Filipovic, Angelo Raguz, David Batten, Frank Speranza, John White, Neil Maxwell, Carlos Donoso.

Southern Dist game off with Waverley up 3-0

BY PAUL GOODWIN

THE week of catch-up games produced its share of drama.

Sensation at the Sydney Athletic Field on Wednesday night when half the floodlights went out 30 minutes before the completion of Waverley's home game with title chasing Southern Districts.

Waverley held a handy 3-0 lead by that stage and by the time a park ranger arrived and found that the switch had been tampered with, there was insufficient time to complete the game before the 9pm Council curfew.

The game will be re-staged tonight at the same ground, and a higher than average attendance can be expected with tremendous interest being generated among 2nd Division clubs in what could well be the title deciding game.

One man who will be particularly disappointed at the news is Barry Walker, who scored two of Waverley's goals and looked set to establish an unbeatable lead at the head of the scorers list.

Instead Dennis Duarte now has a chance to dethrone him.

Dulwich Hill, meanwhile, collected two more points as they clung to a slim hope of staying in the race.

They defeated a luckless Mount Druitt at bitterly cold Popondetta Park on Thursday night 2-1.

Duarte scored the all important first goal from the penalty spot in the 40th minute after the home side had caused a number of scares for Hill.

David Kerrigan managed to chip a ball over Kevin Farrar in the 15th, but the ball hit the post and trickled along the goal-line.

The same man had another shot tipped over by Farrar in the 23rd.

Craig Smith intercepted a stray ball in the Madeira defence at the 75 minute mark, rounded the keeper and a defender stationed on the line, to bring up the equaliser.

Four minutes later a free kick by the ever-green Agenor Muniz, who played a full game, was fumbled by the goalie and Steve Karavatakis pounced to give Dulwich Hill both points.

On Saturday Central Coast and Fairfield staged a 0-0 draw at Plum Park, a result which leaves the Sydney side a guaranteed

top four position.

In windy conditions and on a dustbowl of a pitch, Coast came home strongly to just fail in a late bid for victory.

Manly visited Gladesville's Christie Park and was two goals down within 14 minutes and the home side went on to win 4-1.

A super confident 'Mitre 10 Bears' home side stroked the ball around with absolute authority and went ahead in the 8th minute.

Meanwhile Rosebery, under Ron Gogic, and using Ken Wilson as striker, continued on their winning way, needing a 70th minute Erkin Osman penalty to subdue Campbelltown after brother Ercan Osman had been brought down.

On the same day, Mount Druitt did enough to beat Fairfield with a 15th minute Craig Smith goal after good work by Farnsworth and pressure by John White on the 'keeper as the cross came in.

Southern Districts 'got out of jail' when they defeated Auburn Yugal 1-0 at Mona Park with a goal in the 90th minute.

Districts' keeper Mehmet Selecki made two vital saves from Steve Wilson and Zoran Beluzic, then Hugo Gimenez sent Ugher Taskin on his way to make his side odds on favourites for the title.

The side would need to lose both its remaining games to miss out and a win tonight would wrap it up.

Angelo Raguz headed against the crossbar from a Justin Young inswinging corner and Bernie Voloder lashed onto the rebound, slamming the ball past Warwick Tingle.

Neil Maxwell put the home side two up, six minutes later, when another corner was hastily cleared by a defender and drove the ball low into the net.

A bungled clearance out of the Gladesville defence in the 36th allowed Manly to pull one back.

Tom Gavin sent the ball over to the ace poacher Graham Walton and the recent newcomer produced a tidy finish.

Gladesville managed to restore their two goal margin approaching half time. Neil Maxwell running onto a Voloder through pass.

Graeme Williamson hit the post and his brother Ashley did



Wayne Farnsworth

likewise in the second half as Gladesville piled on the pressure.

Manly kept up their efforts and Steve Wasell should have scored in the 78th, hitting the bar after a Tom Gavin shot had been parried.

Simon Williams, substituting in the Manly goal, showed good anticipation and courage to hold Gladesville out in a torrid second period, before a lob from Rick Giometti in injury time nestled in the net for a fourth home goal.

Orange took an 18th minute lead against Rosebery through Mark Rooke at a freeing Waratah Park where the game was conducted in driving sleet and snow.

They could not stay in front in the second half, however, falling to goals by Alan Stoddart and Erkin Osman.

Next day at Arlington Oval, the Waratahs found the effort of two matches in as many days too much of a task and went down 8-1 to a still hopeful Dulwich Hill Madeira.

Duarte got Madeira off to a good start in the 29th minute after a shot from Jere Matosin had been turned away by Orange custodian Scott Starr, who made many fine saves during the afternoon.

A 30 yard screamer by Carlos Donoso in the 32nd was followed by a Steve Karavatakis drive into the roof of the net after a Peter Dameski scorcher had been partially saved by the keeper in the 40th.

Ron Davidson showed electrifying speed to break from half way and pull one back for Orange just before that and Madeira held a 3-1 half time lead.

Duarte went on to score four, including a penalty, Donoso added another and George Johnson made it eight in the last minutes.

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE 2 GR 1

Southern Dist.	24	17	4	3	56	18	38
Dulwich Hill	25	15	7	3	49	17	37
Petersham	25	11	9	5	31	22	31
Fairfield City	25	9	12	4	32	24	30
Gladesville	25	8	11	6	46	33	27
Central Coast	25	11	4	10	31	31	26
Mt Druitt Town	25	9	7	9	27	27	25
Waverley	24	8	8	8	34	34	24
Auburn Yugal	25	8	7	10	24	28	23
Camp'town V.	25	8	7	10	34	40	23
G'ville Chile	25	7	7	11	28	36	21
Rosebery	25	8	5	12	33	48	21
Manly W'gah	25	6	7	12	30	37	19
Orange War	25	0	3	22	19	79	3



FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 1

Southern Dist.	25	21	3	1	61	15	45
Rosebery	25	18	3	4	66	27	39
Camp'town	25	15	4	6	44	20	34
Manly W'gah	25	13	5	7	71	45	31
Dulwich Hill	25	14	3	8	49	30	31
Granville	25	14	3	8	46	34	31
Gl'ville H'by	25	11	5	9	66	47	27
Central Coast	25	12	3	10	60	52	27
Waverley	25	7	5	13	34	50	19
Fairfield City	25	8	3	14	33	62	19
Mt Druitt Town	25	7	4	14	39	49	18
Petersham	25	3	6	16	21	57	12
Auburn Yugal	25	3	5	17	27	75	11
Orange	25	1	4	20	16	70	6

FEDERATION LEAGUE 5 GRADE 2

Port Hacking	21	16	2	3	47	22	34
Mt Pritchard	21	14	3	4	41	13	31
Hills United	21	10	5	6	35	21	25
Cyprus United	21	10	5	6	34	22	25
North Ryde	21	9	6	6	39	31	24
Lemnos	21	9	6	6	29	25	24
West Wands	21	9	4	8	31	29	22
Bankstown	21	6	8	7	35	30	20
Bathurst 75	21	7	2	12	22	30	16
Uni of NSW	21	4	13	19	45	12	12
Concordia	21	2	6	13	7	37	10
C'bury & Dist.	21	4	1	16	16	50	9

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GRADE 1

Sydney Uni.	21	17	4	0	76	17	38
West Dist.	21	15	2	4	56	24	32
Prospect Utd.	21	14	3	4	67	32	30
Alexander	21	10	8	3	49	26	28
Macquarie Uni.	21	12	3	6	46	33	27
Sporting Peru	20	12	1	7	42	38	25
Alexander	21	8	5	8	42	42	21
CSI Schofields	20	8	1	11	42	46	17
Lithgow	21	6	4	11	29	34	16
Sydney Uni.	21	6	3	12	35	44	15
Chile Sports	21	5	5	11	27	52	15
GNS United	21	5	2	14	22	39	12
Maccabi	21	4	1	16	22	55	9

FEDERATION LEAGUE 6 GRADE 2

Mt Pritchard	21	15	5	1	53	15	35
Bankstown	21	15	4	2	51	16	34
C'bury & Dist.	21	11	7	3	48	22	29
Uni of NSW	21	11	6	4	42	28	28
Hills United	21	9	8	4	33	20	26
Cyprus United	21	10	5	6	49	22	25
Lemnos	21	11	3	7	38	20	25
Port Hacking	21	6	4	11	19	46	16
West Wands	21	4	4	13	27	45	12
North Ryde	20	2	8	10	17	37	12
Bathurst 75	21	2	2	17	12	53	6
Concordia	20	0	2	18	4	69	2

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 1

Arnccliffe	19	10	5	4	36	19	25
Colo Colo	19	10	4	5	25	18	24
Belmore Her.	18	11	1	6	34	21	23
Concord Jun	19	10	3	6	30	17	23
SSC Zagreb	20	10	3	7	36	26	23
Trasandinos	17	8	3	6	31	24	19
Spanish Club	19	8	3	8	28	30	19
Hawkesbury	19	7	4	8	25	27	18
Hajduk	18	5	5	8	26	28	15
Nineveh Eagles	19	5	3	11	15	36	13
Rooty Hill	19	1	2	16	14	54	4
Croatia Jrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4 GRADE 2

Trasandinos	17	11	3	3	28	14	25
Concord	19	11	3	5	27	15	25
Nineveh Eagles	18	11	1	6	30	22	23
Spanish Club	19	8	4	7	35	26	20
SSC Zagreb	20	9	2	9	29	21	20

Hawkesbury	19	6	8	5	28	23	20
Colo Colo	19	8	3	8	31	28	19
Arnccliffe	19	7	4	8	25	27	18
Hajduk	18	8	2	8	29	37	18
Rooty Hill	19	8	1	10	30	31	17
Belmore Her.	19	0	1	18	16	61	1
Croatia Syd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE A		
Sydney Olympic v Warringah	2-5	1-1
Avala v Rockdale Ilinden	0-0	1-0
Canberra Croatia v Sydney Macedonia	3-1	1-1
Wollongong City v BHP Austral	0-0	1-3

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE B		
St George v Sutherland Shire	0-0	0-1
Canterbury v Polonia	0-0	2-1
Sydney Croatia v Wollongong Mac	1-1	0-3

STATE LEAGUE TWO		
Central Coast v Fairfield City	0-0	4-1
Gladesville v Manly Warringah	4-1	1-3
Orange v Rosebery	1-2	0-1
Campbelltown v Rosebery	0-1	0-1
Dulwich Hill v Orange Waratahs	8-1	3-0
Fairfield City v Mt Druitt	0-1	3-2
Auburn Yugal v Southern Dist	0-1	0-3

Spanish Club v Woody Hill	3-0	1-0
Colo Colo v Rangers Hajduk	2-1	1-1
Hawkesbury v Nineveh Eagles	4-0	1-2
FEDERATION LEAGUE FIVE		
Prospert United v Chile Sports	2-0	2-0

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	NEWCASTLE	MILLWALL	18
	OXFORD UTD.	WEST BROM.	19
	PORTSMOUTH	PORT VALE	20
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	WATFORD	BRIGHTON	21
	WOLVES	BRISTOL R.	22
	BRADFORD C.	READING	23
	BRENTFORD	CHESTER	24
	BURY	ROTHERHAM	25
	CREWE	GRIMSBY	26
	EXETER	SWANSEA	27
	HUDDERSFIELD	BOLTON	28
	LEYTON O.	MANSFIELD	29
	PRESTON	TRANMERE	30
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	SHREWSBURY	FULHAM	31
	STOKE	BIRMINGHAM	32
	WIGAN A.	BOURNEM'TH	33
	BURNLEY	SCARBORO	34
	CARDIFF	TORQUAY	35
	CHESTERFIELD	HEREFORD	36
	GILLINGHAM	HARTLEPOOL	37
	HALIFAX	DONCASTER	38

RESERVE MATCHES

ENGLISH DIVISION 4	NORTHAMPTON	BLACKPOOL	39
	ROCHDALE	STOCKPORT	40
	SCUNTHORPE	PETERBORO	41
	WALSALL	DARLINGTON	42
	YORK	LINCOLN	43
VALX. LGE. PREM. DIV.	LEYTON W'TE	BOGNOR R.	44
	MARLOW	BARKING	45
	WIVENHOE T.	REDBRIDGE	46
	WOKINGHAM	WOKING	47
	CELTIC	HIBERNIAN	48
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIV.	DUNDEE U.	ST. MIRREN	49
	DUNF'MLINE	ABERDEEN	50
	HEARTS	RANGERS	51
	MOTHERWELL	S. JOHNSTONE	52
	AIRDRIE	BRECHIN	53
SCOT. DIV. 1	AYR	MEADOWBANK	54
	CLYDE	FORFAR	55

* Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND HOTLINES

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Jackpot
this week
est \$400,000

WEEK 266

SAT. 1st SEPTEMBER, 1990

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ARSENAL	TOTTENHAM	1	1-1*
	COVENTRY	NOTT'HAM F.	2	2-1
	CRYSTAL P.	SHEFFIELD UTD.	3	2-3
	DERBY	WIMBLEDON	4	1-1*
	LEEDS	NORWICH	5	2-0
	LIVERPOOL	ASTON VILLA	6	1-1*
	MAN. CITY	EVERTON	7	1-3
	Q.P.R.	CHELSEA	8	3-1
	SOUTH'PTON	LUTON	9	0-3
	SUNDERLAND	MAN. UTD.	10	2-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BLACKBURN	NEWCASTLE	11	4-2
	BRIGHTON	WOLVES	12	1-2
	BRISTOL R.	CHARLTON	13	3-2
	MILLWALL	BARNLEY	14	0-0
	NOTTS C.	OXFORD UTD.	15	2-0
	OLDHAM	PORTSMOUTH	16	5-2
	PLYMOUTH	MIDDLESBRO	17	1-1*
	PORT VALE	LEICESTER	18	1-2
	SHEFF. WED.	HULL	19	2-3
	WEST BROM.	IPSWICH	20	0-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	WEST HAM	WATFORD	21	1-1*
	BIRMINGHAM	LEYTON O.	22	1-3
	BOLTON	BRADFORD C.	23	1-2
	BOURN'M'TH	BURY	24	3-0
	FULHAM	CAMB'GE U.	25	1-3
	GRIMSBY	WIGAN A.	26	0-1
	MANSFIELD	BRENTFORD	27	3-1
	READING	PRESTON	28	0-2
	ROTHERHAM	SHREWSBURY	29	2-2*
	SOUTHEND	CREWE	30	0-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	SWANSEA	HUDD'FIELD	31	2-3
	BLACKPOOL	ROCHDALE	32	2-3
	DARLINGTON	BURNLEY	33	1-0
	DONCASTER	WREXHAM	34	0-0
	HARTLEPOOL	CARDIFF	35	2-0
	HEREFORD	YORK	36	2-2*
	LINCOLN	HALIFAX	37	0-0
	MAIDSTONE	NORTH'PTON	38	0-1



Graham Arnold (9) in a do-or-die World Cup battle against Israel.

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For Past Results and Historical Date on The Pools, write to: T.M.S. P.O. Box 2937 DD GPO Melbourne 3001. Or Phone (03) 328 3345.

THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 27/8/90 — WEEK 265

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED																NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED															
27	34	40	17	33	47	35	48									1	3	7	4	0	5	1	6	0	23	8	2				
46	58	11	54	55	49	52	47									15	10	4	1	1	1	1	1	16	6						
53	47	38	54	21	53	54	48									0	13	2	3	0	10	9	20								
50	56	55	63	61	76	57	53									5	2	3	4	0	4	5	7								
55	69	59	69	55	57	54										33	34	35	36	37	8	2									
Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools																															

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RESULTS OF WEEK 265 SAT 25 AUGUST, 1990

Total Prize Pool is \$328,641.26
Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order): 4, 6, 17, 21, 29, 36.
Supplementary Number: 1

Division 1

The Prize Pool is \$256,635.81
No winner. Jackpot Week 266,
(Est \$400,000 next week).

Division 2

There is no winner, therefore
the Prize Pool is added to
Division 3 Prize Pool.

Division 3

The Prize Pool is \$16,449.20
41 winners of \$401.20ea.

Division 4

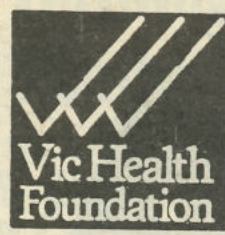
The Prize Pool is \$30,858.75
1,899 winners of \$16.25ea.

Division 5

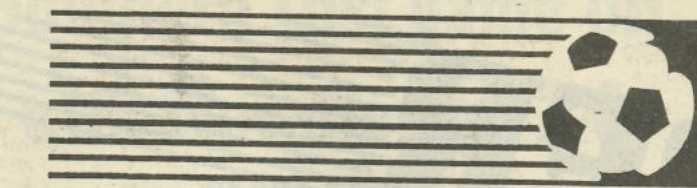
The Prize Pool is \$24,697.50
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UK SOCCER RESULTS AND TABLES

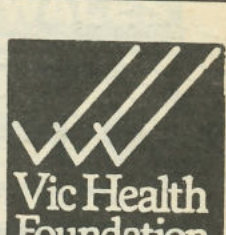
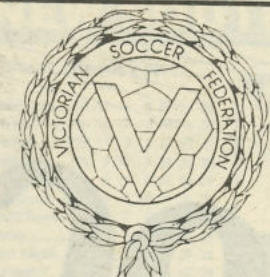
ENGLISH DIVISION ONE		SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION	
Aston Villa 1 Southampton 1, Chelsea 2 Derby 1, Everton 2 Leeds 3, Luton 1 Crystal Palace 1, Manchester United 2 Coventry 0, Norwich 3 Sunderland 2, Nottingham Forest 1, Queen's Park Rangers 1, Sheffield United 1, Liverpool 3, Tottenham 3, Manchester City 1, Wimbledon 0, Arsenal 3.		Aberdeen 2 Hibernian 0, Hearts 1 St Mirren 1, Motherwell 2 Celtic 0, Rangers 3 Dunfermline 1, St Johnstone 1 Dundee United 3.	
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO		SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE	
Barnsley 2 Brighton 1, Bristol City 4 Blackburn 2, Charlton 1 Swindon 2, Hull 1 Notts County 2, Ipswich 0 Sheffield Wednesday 2, Leicester 3 Bristol Rovers 2, Middlesbrough 0, West Ham 0, Newcastle 2, Plymouth 0, Oxford 5, Port Vale 2, Portsmouth 1, West Bromwich 1, Watford 1, Millwall 2, Wolverhampton 2, Oldham 3.		Airdrie 4 Morton 0, Ayr 1 Forfar 1, Brechin 0, Raith 4, Clyde 0, Clydebank 1, Dundee 1, Partick 1, Falkirk 0 Hamilton 1, Meadowbank 1, Kilmarnock 0.	
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE		SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO	
Bradford 1 Tranmere 2, Brentford 0 Bournemouth 0, Bury 2 Chester 1, Cambridge 0 Birmingham 1, Crewe 1 Fulham 1, Exeter 1 Reading 3, Huddersfield 1, Southend 2, Leyton Orient 3, Swansea 0, Preston 1, Grimsby 3, Shrewsbury 0, Bolton 1, Stoke 3, Rotherham 1, Wigan 0, Mansfield 2.		Alloa 1 Albion 0, Arbroath 4, Berwick 2, Cowdenbeath 0, Stirling 2, East Fife 2, Dumbarton 1, Queen of the South 1, East Stirling 2, Queen's Park 3, Stranraer 1, Stenhousemuir 0, Montrose 1.	
ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR		NORTHERN IRISH ULSTER CUP 1ST RD	
Burnley 2 Lincoln 2, Cardiff 0, Scarborough 0, Carlisle 2, Doncaster 3, Chesterfield 2, Hartlepool 3, Gillingham 1, Darlington 0, Halifax 0, Stockport 0, Hereford 1, Northampton 2, Rochdale 4, Aldershot 0, Scunthorpe 2, Blackpool 0, Walsall 2, Torquay 2, Wrexham 0, Peterborough 0, York 0, Maidstone 1.		Ards 0 Linfield 1. Played Friday: Ballymena 5, Larne 0, Bangor 3, Carrick 0, Cliftonville 1, Omagh 0, Glenties 0, Distillery postponed, Portadown 2, Crusaders 1, Newry 1, Coleraine 2 (abandoned after 67 minutes - floodlight failure), Glentoran 4, Ballyclare 0.	
		CONFERENCE LEAGUE	
		Altrincham 2 Bath 0, Barrow 0, Cheltenham 0, Boston 0, Welling 0, Colchester 3, Merthyr Tydfil 1, Kettering 1, Gateshead 0, Kidderminster 3, Fisher 3, Northwich 0, Barnet 2, Slough 2, Runcorn 1, Stafford 1, Sutton 2, Telford 1, Yeovil 2.	



SUPPORTS VIC. SOCCER FEDERATION



Victorian Soccer Federation



VIC SENIORS

VIC STATE RESERVES

B. Juventus	31	23	4	100	23	50
H. Berg Utd.	32	22	6	4	74	20
Altona Gate	31	22	5	4	78	21
Morwell	31	19	6	6	62	34
SL Albans	32	19	2	11	37	30
Fawkner	32	17	5	10	80	42
Bulleen	31	13	10	8	55	41
N. Geelong	31	15	5	11	57	48
Croydon City	32	14	6	12	57	47
Thomastown	31	12	8	11	49	38
Caulfield	31	15	1	15	52	31
R. Wood City	30	11	3	16	42	58
Green Gully	32	9	6	17	45	65
Box Hill	31	9	5	17	32	53
F. St. Pines	32	3	8	21	45	88
Springvale City	30	3	7	20	14	68
M. Bour City	32	4	5	23	30	119
Albion	30	2	6	22	24	88

VIC DIV ONE FIRSTS

Doveton	22	14	5	3	34	16
Oakleigh	22	14	4	3	29	32
Springvale City	22	12	7	3	41	23
Westgate	22	11	6	5	41	22
Knox City	22	11	5	6	34	28
Port Melbourne	22	12	3	25	26	26
Nth. Geelong	22	9	5	8	38	23
Essendon City	22	7	10	23	33	19
Western Subs.	22	6	10	22	30	18
Mordialloc	22	7	4	11	13	21
Werribee	22	6	5	11	27	31
Marib. Polonia	22	3	10	9	27	36
Broadmeadows	22	3	4	15	12	29
Sandringham	22	3	4	15	14	39

VIC DIV ONE RESERVES

Doveton	22	16	6	0	64	17
Nth. Geelong	22	15	2	4	61	24
Port Melbourne	22	12	5	5	44	25
Oakleigh	22	11	6	5	38	22
Springvale City	22	10	4	8	31	24
Knox City	22	9	5	7	45	20
Essendon City	22	7	6	9	33	29
Marib. Polonia	22	7	6	9	32	43
Western Subs.	22	8	3	11	50	19
Broadmeadows	22	8	3	11	42	19
Werribee	22	6	5	11	27	31
Sandringham	22	5	4	13	23	14
Westgate	22	4	5	13	27	13
Mordialloc	22	4	5	15	25	10

VIC DIV TWO FIRSTS

Brighton	22	14	3	5	37	24
Keilor	21	14	1	6	43	20
Bell Park	22	10	9	3	27	13
Chelsea	22	9	7	6	37	25
Manawad. City	22	8	6	34	28	24
Clifton Hill	22	9	6	24	23	22
Doncaster	22	6	10	6	26	27
Dandenong	22	9	4	9	34	36
Waverley City	22	8	8	26	23	20
Geelong	22	7	6	9	24	26
Sunbury United	22	7	5	10	32	19
Richmond	22	6	10	15	23	18
Coburg	21	5	13	20	45	13
Clifton Hill	21	16	2	3	54	20
Waverley City	22	14	3	5	43	22
Doncaster	21	12	6	3	47	17
Brighton	22	13	4	5	37	20
Keilor	20	11	5	4	43	17
Sunbury United	22	11	4	7	37	26
Bell Park	22	9	7	6	35	22
Richmond	22	9	4	9	37	43
Dandenong	22	8	5	9	33	22
Geelong	21	6	4	11	32	38
Manawad. City	21	6	3	12	40	35
Chelsea	22	4	2	16	17	73
Coburg	21	4	1	16	26	72
Ringwood Utd.	21	2	0	19	9	80

VIC DIV THREE FIRSTS

Bentleigh Green	22	14	6	2	43	34
Altona City	22	14	5	3	52	27
Holland Park	22	11	6	5	40	28
Seaford United	22	11	5	6	24	27
Clarendon	22	9	6	7	24	19
Lalor United	22	8	6	8	34	32
Heidelberg City	22	6	10	6	19	22
Corio-Geelong	22	6	7	9	21	22
Clayton	22	5	9	34	38	19
Moorabbin City	22	6	7	9	21	28
EL Diam. Valley	21	6	5	10	22	17
Springvale Utd.	21	6	3	12	21	47
Morrington	22	5	3	14	29	48
Yarraville	22	2	8	12	15	39

VIC DIV THREE RESERVES

Lalor United	22	14	5	3	41	25
Moorabbin City	22	14	4	5	22	32
Clayton	22	14	3	5	50	17
Altona City	22	15	1	6	50	29
Seaford United	22	12	4	6	50	28
EL Diam. Valley	21	11	3	7	45	34
Clarendon	22	10	1	11	38	37
Corio-Geelong	22	8	3	11	43	58
Heidelberg City	21	7	3	11	42	47
Bentleigh Green	22	7	10	40	54	17
Morrington	22	7	14	30	55	15
Springvale Utd.	21	5	3	13	41	58

VIC DIV FOUR FIRSTS

Holland Park	22	5	2	15	42	74
Yarraville	21	4	2	15	22	57
Oakleigh Subs	21	14	5	2	43	20
Pascoe Vale	21	14	5	2	44	24
East Bruns-Ivan	22	13	6	4	33	18
Regent	22	12	4	6	44	22
Spring. Condors	22	11	3	8	42	20
More Park Rang.	22	9	5	26	25	25
Hawthorn	22	9	10	40	36	21
Karingal Utd.	22	7	8	34	38	21
Langwarrin	22	7	8	34	38	21
Hamlyn Rangers	22	6	8	20	22	20
Ferntree Gully	22	6	8	32	41	20
Rosanna	22	4	5	13	23	41
Boronia	21	3	6	12	23	50
Yallourn	22	1	5	16	21	55

VIC DIV FOUR RESERVES

East Bruns-Ivan	22	10	3	1	60	18
More Park Rang.	21	11	7	3	45	29
Spring. Condors	21	12	4	5	53	24
Langwarrin	21	13	2	6	53	30
Hamlyn Rangers	21	12	3	6	44	26
Karingal Utd.	22	9	6	7	46	25
Pascoe Vale	21	9	4	8	30	32
Boronia	21	7	8	28	32	29
Hawthorn	22	9	1	12	44	59
Rosanna	22	6	5	11	28	35
Oakleigh Subs	22	6	3	12	35	45
Ferntree Gully	22	5	12	25	46	15
Regent	21	5	13	15	33	13
Yallourn	22	1	3	18	7	88

VIC PROV ONE FIRSTS

Cranbourne	22	15	2	5	33	10
Sth. Dandenong	22	12	7	3	51	27
Sth. Werribee	22	12	6	4	53	30
Malvern City	22	12	5	5	45	29
Nth. Sunshine	23	11	5	7	38	27
Altona East	23	10	5	8	30	35
Melton	23	9	6	44	33	24
Williamstown	23	7	10	6	27	24
Westvale	24	7	10	28	38	21
Berwick City	23	6	8	9	40	32
Forest Hill	23	6	7	10	27	43
East Geelong	22	8	11	17	40	14
M. J. Ranger	22	4	5	13	22	48
Keysborough	22	2	5	15	16	66

VIC PROV ONE RESERVES

Malvern City	22	16	4	2	73	36
Sth. Dandenong	22	13	3	6	43	24
Melton	23	10	8	5	38	28
Westvale	23	10	8	5	35	28
Williamstown	23	11	6	4	41	28
Nth. Sunshine	23	10	7	6	41	23
Sth. Werribee	22	9	7	6	49	33
Altona East	23	10	5	8	47	35
Mossfield Ranger	22	9	6	7	32	30
Berwick City	23	8	4	11	35	47
Cranbourne	22	6	4	12	40	43
East Geelong	22	5	6	11	31	48
Forest Hill	22	4	6	12	29	54
Bruswick City	23	2	6	15	23	55
Keysborough	22	3	4	15	21	57

VIC PROV TWO FIRSTS

Frankston Utd.	24	16	3	6	25	39
Sth. Springvale	23	15	5	2	49	17
Lalor	24	14	6	4	49	24
Ballaarat	24	12	6	6	39	24
Lyndale Utd.	24	13	4	7	47	36
Meadow Park	24	12	4	8	44	47
Brintons	24	9	5	10	33	37
Brandon Park	23	7	7	9	27	29
Fitzroy City	24	6	7	11	26	34
Waverley Utd.	23	7	4	12	30	36
Port United	24	5	6	13	27	51
Un. of Melb.	24	5	5	14	26	45
Kew Eagles	24	4	5	15	31	61
South Yarra	24	3	5	16	20	46
R. Wood Rovers	23	3	5	15	20	48

VIC PROV TWO RESERVES

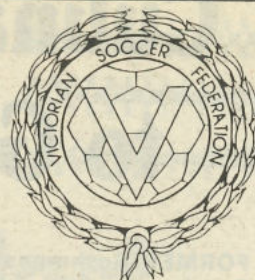
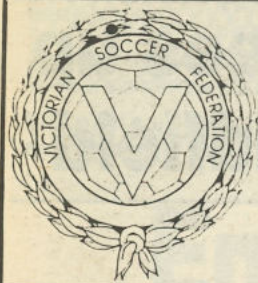
Ballaarat	24	16	4	4	68	28
Sth. Springvale	23	14	5	4	54	24
Meadow Park	24	13	6	5	50	35
Ascot St. Marks	24	14	2	8	56	35
Un. of Melb.	24	13	4	7	53	30
Frankston Utd.	23	12	5	6	29	17
Lyndale Utd.	23	11	5	7	38	31
Waverley Utd.	23	9	4	10	34	39
Brintons	24	7	8	9	28	33
Fitzroy City	24	10	1	13	45	67
Brandon Park	23	7	7	9	27	29
Port United	23	7	3	13	24	57
W. Wood Rovers	23	5	6	12	34	46
R. Wood Rovers	23	5	6	12	31	56
Kew Eagles	24	0	6	18	19	70

VIC PROV THREE FIRSTS

Wentworth	23	17	2	4	57	18
Mentone Utd.	24	17	2	5	55	23
SL. Kilda	24	16	4	3	24	29
Hampton Park	24	12	5	7	44	28
Carrum Utd.	23	12	5	6	42	31
Glenroy	24	12	2	9	40	28
East Richmond	23	10	6	7	49	34
Hampton Park	23	8	7	39	32	26
Monbulk	24	9	5	10	44	46
Nth. Clayton	24	10	2	12	30	32
Batman United	23	8	5	10	40	46

VIC PROV THREE RESERVES

Riversdale	24	5	6	13	25	43	16
Monash Uni.	24	4	6	14	29	46	14
Sunshine Park	24	5	4	15	28	42	14
Beaumaris	23	4	1	18	24	72	9
VIC PROV THREE RESERVES							
Glenroy	24	16	3	5	73	35	35
Monash Uni.	24	14	7	3	56	20	35
Monbulk	24	15	4	5	51	22	34
Riversdale	23	11	8	4	48	28	30
E.Richmond	23	12	6	5	60	43	30
Batman Utd.	23	11	5	7	52	38	27
Sunshine Park	24	11	5	8	42	37	27
Warrfina	23	10	6	7	39	29	26
Mitcham Utd.	23	9	8	4	33	29	25
Mentone Utd.	24	8	9	7	50	39	25
Hampton Park	24	9	5	10	38	26	23
St.Kilda	24	7	6	11	37	50	20
Corrumb United	23	5	1	17	31	75	11
Moor Spawrds	23	4	16	10	30	67	10
North Clayton	23	4	16	29	71	10	10
Beaumaris	24	3	1	20	26	85	7



Heidelberg grabs lead as Croydon falter

BY GREG BLAKE AND DAVID BULLOCK

FAWKNER overcame a sluggish start on its trip to Frankston and cemented its top four place with a comfortable 3-1 win on Saturday.

Only a 70th minute send-off of two goal hero Andy O'Dell soured the day for the visitors.

O'Dell was sent for an early bath when match referee Colin Ellis booked him for the second time in the game with just less than 20 minutes to play.

In the early play Fawknar allowed Frankston Pines to dictate the pace of the game and should have paid the price for its lacklustre efforts.

Fawknar keeper Zoran Nikitovic was forced into action on a number of occasions, his best stop coming on the half hour as he got a foot to a Doug Hodgson shot and managed to deflect the ball wide.

Six minutes from the break Danny Stevancevic was fouled in the penalty area but Alex Blagojevic missed from the spot and subsequently found himself replaced at half time by Zdravko Lujic.

Lujic provided Fawknar with the spark it needed and his cross for Sammy Emanuelle eight minutes after the interval set up the first goal as Emanuelle was brought down by Weir and O'Dell converted from the spot.

Lujic set up Harry Cardwell for Fawknar's second on the hour.

Less than one minute later Emanuelle and Cardwell combined to set up O'Dell for his second and Fawknar's third Jamie McMinamee scored Frankston Pines' consolation goal in the 67th minute.

MORWELL FALCONS 1 CAULFIELD 0

Caulfield City's dreadful run of outs continued when it fell by the only goal of the game at Morwell Falcons on Saturday.

Morwell, apparently revelling in the heavy going at its North Crinigan Reserve home, took the points thanks to a ninth minute Gordon Scott goal.

Caulfield impressed by its willingness to take the game up to the home side out again the Greek side failed to make an impact by its lads of goalscoring power.

Caulfield, despite nine goals in its past three Dockerty Cup fixtures, has struggled for league goals with only a single strike to its credit

in its last nine league games.

Morwell, thanks mainly to a best on ground performance from elegant sweeper Adrian Pender, had little trouble in holding out the visitors.

"I can't understand it," Caulfield president George Zafiroopoulos of his club's goalscoring drought.

"Con Pappas has stopped firing and we just cannot score.

"It's pretty frustrating, I can tell you."

Morwell, with three successive wins as it charges toward the top four, has a chance to make its mark on the title race over the next two weeks as it shapes up to contenders Croydon and Heidelberg.

ST ALBANS 3 THOMASTOWN 1

Player coach Kenny Murphy will be offered a second term in charge next year despite Thomastown's dismal second half of the State League season which continued with a 3-1 defeat at St Albans on Saturday.

Thomastown, a distinct top four chance after just three defeats in the first half of the season, has now lost nine of its past 15 matches, including the past three in succession.

But the Thomastown hierarchy, aware of the club's nightmare run with injury, including the loss of Murphy himself for the bulk of the campaign, has confirmed that it will ask the former Socceroo champion to return as senior coach for 1991.

Thomastown impressed with a lively first half at St Albans on Sunday and was rewarded with a lead at the interval thanks to a 19th minute Russell Athersych goal.

But when injury-prone Gerry McAleer was forced to leave the field early after the break the wind went from Thomastown's sail and the home side over ran the visitors.

Goran Trogrlic levelled for St Albans 20 minutes after half time, Mick Colina struck to make it 2-1 in the 76th minute and Ollie Pondeljak completed an impressive St Albans comeback with a third goal with 12 minutes left on the clock.

MOOROOLBARK — ALBION (match postponed)

Mooroolbark Esther Park ground ruled unfit to play.



Zdravko Lujic, the former NSL star now in Victorian State League club Fawknar's colours, finds a tackle coming in from behind by Thomas-town's Victor Cristaldo. — Picture by JOE MONTEMURRO.

GREEN GULLY 4 CROYDON 1

Croydon City's championship quest received a major blow when Green Gully turned in an awesome second half display, turning a one goal deficit into resounding 4-1 victory.

Croydon went into the match without League leading scorer, Andy Humble who was serving a one match suspension, but regained player/coach Ian Dobson who resumed after several weeks absence.

In the 32nd minute, Croydon took the lead through Goran Runje, who converted from the penalty spot after Green Gully defender David Hogben had been adjudged to have handled the ball inside the area by the referee.

Green Gully levelled up the scores eight minutes into the second half, when the League's most unheralded striker, Kevin Harrison found space and with only the keeper to beat, rounded John McKinlay and slotted the ball away for his 18th goal of the season.

Three minutes later Green Gully took the lead. Mark Wilson laid off a pass to Tommy Daly who beat off challengers from two Croydon defenders.

Daly then found Wilson who had been left unmarked and he made no mistake in executing his shot on target.

Green Gully continued to pressure Croydon and in the 60th minute they went further ahead. Ian Dobson attempted to play a pass back to his keeper, only to see the ball go disappearing into the back of the net.

The match was finally laid to rest three minutes from full time. A

long ball out of defence was met by Daly Shrugging off desperate attempts by the Croydon defence, Daly with only the keeper to beat put the ball away with ease.

NORTHCOTE 2 ALTONA GATE 1

A goal in the final minute enabled Northcote City to clinch a well deserved 2-1 victory over Altona Gate.

Altona Gate opened up strongly in the first half hour but it was Northcote who opened the scoring in the 32nd minute.

A neat pass from Nick Constantinou was met by Neil Mills who made no mistake with his shot from close range.

Seven minutes into the second half, Jimmy Constantinou seized upon a defensive error and placed his shot into the back of the net only to see the goal disallowed for offside.

Jimmy Constantinou scored from a Pedro Ramos corner kick eight minutes later, but once again the goal was ruled offside.

In the 82nd minute, Altona Gate levelled up the scores when Vlatko Torteviski was on target with a well positioned shot.

With the game looking headed for a draw, young Jimmy Illiopoulos gave the home side a well deserved two points as he found his mark with a telling shot one minute from the final whistle.

LEADING SCORERS: 20 A. Humble (Croy) P. Lewis (Heid) 18 K. Harrison (CC), 16 S. Smith (Juve), 15 C. Pappas (Caul), 12 G. McMullen (Alt. G), J. Eres (St A), D. Klepac (Croy).

MELBOURNE JUST 1 HEIDELBERG 4

Heidelberg moved

another step close to clinching the 1990 championship when they accounted for a determined Melbourne JUST with an awesome second half display.

JUST opened up the first half firing on all cylinders as they took the game right up to their more fancied opponents.

Midway through the half, JUST were denied a likely penalty, when referee Bernie Upjohn ignored what seemed a clear cut hand ball by Stuart Cannell inside the area, but six minutes from half time JUST finally took a deserving lead.

Nereo Fattorio made a brilliant solo run from the midfield, pushing the ball through the off-side trap and calmly sliding the ball past a hapless Jeff Olver.

Five minutes into the second half, Heidelberg looked to have drawn level when captain Garry McDowall headed the ball into the back of the net, but the goal was disallowed after being flagged offside by the linesman.

This incensed a portion of the Heidelberg supporters who began to crowd around the linemen. After abuse and stone throwing referee Upjohn halted the match until order was restored.

The disallowed goal spurred the Bergers into a new lease of life and in the 56th minute they drew level, when Stuart Cannell converted from the penalty spot.

Within two minutes, Heidelberg took the lead when Stuart Stevenson collected a pass from the left. With only goalkeeper Dragan Aralica to beat, he made no mistake sending the ball into the

but Fawknar heads for the Top Four

back of the net.

Paul Lewis extended the lead three minutes later in brilliant style, catching the JUST defence flat footed. Lewis beat two defenders and then clinically placed his shot past Aralica.

In the 82nd minute Lewis brought up his second goal of the afternoon thanks to a terrible goalkeeping error.

Lewis's headed shot at goal looked safely covered by Aralica. Instead of meeting the ball with ease, Aralica allowed it to bounce and to his dismay the ball went sideways and into the goal.

BULLEEN 2 BRUNS JUVE 4

With championship aspirations now well and truly diminished, Brunswick Juventus found some much needed pride as they disposed of Bulleen in an entertaining Italian derby.

The Veneto complex could best be described as a quagmire but this did not stop either side from producing free flowing football all afternoon.

Juventus took an early lead when in the eighth minute referee John Fraser pointed to the penalty spot after Brian Brown was brought down in the area by Robert Krajacic.

Sean Lane made no mistake with the spot kick, sending the ball past keeper Mauro Raponi with ease.

Three minutes from half time, Bulleen equalised when Michael Branov sent a well struck shot past keeper Pat Marrama after collecting a pass from Darren Tuck.

Juventus regained the lead back early in the second half when Steve Smith struck a forceful shot on goal which keeper Raponi was unable to stop.

Within moments, Bulleen once again drew level. Fabio Incantalupo collected a pass from the left and from 10 metres hit a tremendous shot into his opponents' goal.

Steve Smith regained the lead for Juventus when he finished off a neat pass from Fausto De Amicis, hitting his well timed shot past a hapless Raponi to bring up his 10th goal of the season.

Substitute Scott Patterson made sure that the two points were safe for Juventus when in the 85th minute he scored from close range.

RINGWOOD 0 BOX HILL 0

In atrocious playing conditions, Ringwood and Box Hill played out a dull and lifeless 0-0 draw which left the very few supporters in attendance wondering why they bothered the turn up.

Of the few chances that were created during the afternoon's proceedings, Ringwood should have at least scored twice in a space of four minutes during the first half.

Ringwood youngster, Cameron Brown was the culprit on both occasions.

In the 31st minute Brown failed to punish a mistake from Box Hill keeper Tony Lyras, while in the 35th minute, with an open goal staring at him, he somehow managed to miss from close range, sending his shot wide.

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

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Culina's ambitions extend to Geelong and beyond

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC

FORMER Rothmans Gold medallist, Branko Culina in his second year of senior coaching has done remarkably well, having early season bottom-side North Geelong well clear of the Victorian First Division relegation zone.

Three smart signings; Caulfield City's Steve Dimovski, St Albans' tall striker Dennis Morovic, midfielder Steve McClelland from Green Gully, as well as Culina himself donning the boots once more, plus the continual improvement of the local youngsters, has resulted in only one loss in 14 weeks for the rapidly rising Geelong Croatian-backed outfit.

In fact Culina's aim is a respectable sixth place (seventh at present) for his Geelong boys which he insists is a better value side than the bottom six State League teams.

Coach Culina believes the Geelong outfit has good reason to be ambitious with its impressive facilities and promising young talent but warned much work still needed to be done.

When Culina eventually leaves North Geelong he wants 90% of the side he leaves behind to be made up of local talent and hopes the administration and young players continue their more professional approach, so the club

can live up to its full potential.

Culina insists at least four North Geelong youngsters, with a continual improvement in attitude, could go all the way to the top of the Australian soccer tree.

Already, 16-year-old striker Adrian Cervinski is making an impact with his goalscoring prowess.

He is equal leading scorer for his side with eight goals.

Older brother David Cervinski, at 19 years-of-age, is a likely type as a strong defender.

Another defender, Robert Cosic, an attacking left-back who already has had a short stint with top State League side Albion, also impresses Culina.

Perhaps the most naturally talented of them all is midfielder/forward Ivan Skoko, who is a gifted ball player with good speed and a 'helluva' shot, but Skoko requires special attention from coaching personnel, declares Culina.

Other young players to get an honourable mention are forward Miro Stosic, midfielder Zoran Roso, Zdenko Sesar and another defender, Vinko Saric, — four players who could also reach a high standard, with a continued positive approach towards their games.

Culina himself, the former Melbourne Croatia, Sydney Croatia and Blacktown City



Branko Culina (left), pictured with present Sydney Croatia manager Tony Vrzina and Ivan Duzel.

midfield star, has potential and a burning ambition of his own to fill in the coaching arena.

In his first year as a senior coach, last season he coached State League side St Albans to its highest ever position — fourth place and runner-up to Morwell Falcons in the State League Cup final on a shoestring budget of only \$8,000.

Besides two years as a senior coach and one year as an assistant, Culina took a working holiday overseas last summer, spending time at such illustrious clubs as Paris St Germain, Dinamo Zagreb, AC Milan and Bayern Munich to learn more about the coaching caper.

Culina was impressed with the professional set-ups that he saw, and a real eye-opener for him was the purpose behind every move made.

He believes he's served his coaching apprenticeship and is ready for a top-line job.

"Soccer is my life. I live for it, I'm determined to succeed at the

highest level," he declared passionately.

The 33-year-old group manager at Peter Isaacson's believes it's time to inject a new crop of coaches onto the scene — a younger fresher breed with new ideas.

Culina's background is in management communication, an area which has helped his coaching.

"A coach needs to be both a good motivator and a good communicator to be ultimately successful," he insists.

But for the time being ambitious Culina has a job to complete with North Geelong, a club on the way up as he himself yearns to be.

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Gordon Scott gees up the Morwell midfield

BY DAVID BULLOCK

THE 1989 State League champions, Morwell Falcons, have over the years been very fortunate with their recruits.

Gordon Scott has been no exception since his arrival from Scotland in May.

Scott, born in Bath (England), but of Scottish descent, arrived in Australia with very impressive credentials.

He had playing stints with East Fife, Forfar, St Johnstone, Hamilton Academicals and Meadowbank Thistle and has fond memories of his professional playing days.

Says Scott: "I guess of all the clubs I played with in Scotland, Hamilton was my favourite."

"After all I won a First Division championship medal with the club in 1987/88."

"It is an event I will never forget".

At 29 years of age, Scott decided it was time to move away from the hurly burly scene of professional football and he makes it quite clear that his decision to come to Australia was not for a holiday.

"I came to Australia to play soccer . . .", declares Scott, "I've been trying to come to Australia for quite a few years now."

"In fact Morwell was the only club over here that enquired about my services".

Scott has added a new strength to the Morwell midfield with his appetite for a heavy work load, and he has been a catalyst to the recent improved form of the Latrobe Valley club.

In a recent Dockerty Cup fixture, Scott scored four goals in Morwell's 6-1 drubbing of Knox City, which stamped his undoubted class as not only a hard working contributor, but also a clinical finisher when given the chance.

One major part of the game Scott feels needs improving here in Australia is the player's approach to his football.

Says Scott: "The Victorian State League standard is of course a lot different to what I've been use to."

"If anything, the player's on-field discipline is not high."

"I think more discipline could improve the game overall".

There has been a lot of speculation that Morwell may have to release Scott at the end of the season because the club will be unable to meet his payments during the off-season.

Being a visa player Scott is not allowed to seek full-time employment in this country, while Morwell has to pay him a wage of \$400 a week to meet immigration criteria.

Scott still has ambitions he would like fulfil with Morwell.

"I first want to win a championship with Morwell, then who knows", says Scott.

"The Morwell set up is good and the people in and around the club have accepted me well."

"I think, overall, Morwell has a big future".

Hopefully the name of Gordon Scott will be around Morwell for some time to come, as the Victorian State League cannot afford to lose such talented and exciting players from its ranks.



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SM Hellas links with Lotto Sports

BY GREG BLAKE

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas has announced a lucrative new sponsorship deal with sports goods manufacturers 'Lotto'.

The sponsorship deal is expected to be worth around \$100,000 to the Melbourne club over the next three seasons.

At the official announcement of the 'Lotto' sponsorship made at Middle Park last Friday, South Melbourne president George Vasilopoulos told ASW that the Melbourne club would be completely kitted out by 'Lotto' for the next three seasons.

"In terms of what we will receive the deal is worth around \$35,000 per season to the club," the Hellas supremo said.

'Lotto' will supply the senior squad with two pairs of boots each, track suits, carry bags, training shirts and the



home and away strip.

Hellas players will also be provided with casual wear.

Vasilopoulos said the club was thrilled at 'Lotto's' involvement with the club, particularly after seeing the uniforms the company supplied to Marconi last season.

"I'm sure our players will be happy and look good," he said.

Vasilopoulos said he believed there would be few problems with players who had already struck individual deals with sponsors.

"We told the players that before renewing their contracts that

they should contact 'Lotto,' he explained.

"We will try and entice all the players over to 'Lotto' and the company is prepared to

take over all existing contracts."

Marathon Foods will continue as South Melbourne's major sponsor.

Spoof misfires at Croydon

Croydon City managed to undo quite a deal of the good work of the Victorian State League season in just one afternoon recently.

The State League title-chaser and championship underdog might well have had the sympathy and support of the fans in the closing rounds of the season as it runs big-gun Heidelberg down to the wire.

But not any more. When Croydon took on Frankston Pines in Round 31 the phones ran hot between the Croydon ground and other State League venues as well as media outlets.

Some clown at Croydon decided to

play games by feeding the wrong scoreline over the phone all afternoon.

Thus a 2-0 Croydon win was turned into a 1-2 defeat and not only did one major daily nearly lead with that story but SBS Radio programs ran with the news.

Only some swift work by Terry Jones at Soccer House saved everyone from major embarrassment.

Croydon, you've lost plenty of friends.



JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

English TV commentators get a blast

WITHOUT comment we publish the following article from "When Saturday Comes", one of the outstanding fanzines in England, criticising English TV commentators during the World Cup...



RON ATKINSON

Another World Cup: a mixing of races, a confusion of styles. With so much unfamiliar, so much to understand that's new — how would our team react? Could our boys take on the world with confidence?

Well, some of the footballers did okay. But little so kind could be said of their counterparts in the nation's TV studios.

Freed from the shackles of 'impartiality', they had no enlightened, imaginative approach to replace their usual stifling conformity.

While England's footballers shed their inhibitions to play with skill and intelligence, commentators weighed themselves down with nationalism.

The spectacle they produced was as depressing as it was narrow-minded.

The tournament was a triumph for Africa.

There was Egypt's resilience and organisation, and then there was the exhilarating progress of Cameroun. Africans, showing the world how to play?

No wonder the Europeans were confused.

We're used to thinking of Africans as a less favoured breed, stricken by poverty, stretching out their hands for aid.

Most disorientating to be outplayed by them. It was no easier

for the boys on the box. Faced with something they didn't understand, they reached for the comfort of the stereotype.

Some of this was actually quite nasty.

The Observer carried an item suggesting that Ron Atkinson referred to Massing's mother as living up a tree (a story ITV

One half expected suggestions that they'd replace the half-time oranges with watermelons! (If you're black, try entering "happy-go-lucky" under 'race' in next year's census — see if OPCS get the joke.) African football is not played in front of peasants and their goats — it's an urban game and a big deal.

It's hard to say where ignorance stops and racism begins.

We may perhaps be charitable and use the former term to describe Barry Davies' comment on an Egyptian — "may his tribe increase" — or his reference to Hassan's Christian name.

And we might just laugh at Brian Moore's "an Emirate goes down" (what, all of it?) or Alan Parry's "the referee, in typically Gallic fashion, tends to wave the cards about a lot."

But what's the excuse for Geoff Hurst using the phrase "nigger in the woodpile" (while sitting next to Garth Crooks)?

Or Big Ron's description of the Egyptians' defensive success against Ireland: "you'd have expected a team of their sort of nationality to wilt under the pressure?"

I'd love to see Atko justify that one. They don't like it up 'em, do they Ron?

If people are bitten by the fangs of nationalism then no wonder they're poisoned by prejudice. It's hard to fault the pundits for taking a nationalistic approach when nearly everybody else did too (including no doubt most WSC readers).

The only exception on TV was two minutes of Steven Wells on Channel 4's Kickback. Still, if your first thought is to support 'our boys', perspective goes out the window.

Restraint

Actually it helped that England did play with unusual restraint, and brought home the Fair Play award.

But it was still beyond the wit of most commentators to take a balanced view of English indiscipline, or of officials' decisions in England's matches.

The increasingly iconic Gascoigne was able to attempt the decapitation of Chris Morris without a breath of criticism — similar (but worse) foul than the one for which Dezotti was sent off in the final.

Nor did anyone point out that 'Gazza' chose to harass referees and dispute their decisions throughout the tournament; especially during the semi.

Perhaps he was harshly booked, but if you spend all game provoking the ref and then commit a bad foul, who to blame but yourself?

Butcher was a similar 'dissenter', and they were both at the forefront of the group surrounding the ref after Shilton was adjudged to have carried the ball outside the area against Ireland.

Dismal though the decision was, it wasn't as if a penalty had been given.

What was this, 'Latin temperament'?

Commentators assume that only we Brits interpret the Laws properly, and foreigners are to be ticked off for not coming up to our standards.

"Sosa unable to con the English referee," grinned Davies.

The relevance of George Courtney's nationality probably escaped the watching billions, but not our boys in the studio.

Foreign refs are not up to standard, especially when England

McLeod was booked for an over-the-top tackle on Jorghino, Brian Moore thundered "ridiculous!" and McNeill pleaded "he wanted to make his presence felt."

Couldn't the same, Billy, be said of the '86 Uruguayans?

But it's not just the bias that disturbs.

It's that nationalism means not just support for your own, but hostility to those outside the fold.

Sometimes this matters more, sometimes less.

It depends on the context. Given the context of Britain's relations with Argentina (and the ill-feeling over the 'Hand of God'), the overtly anti-Argentina attitude of commentators was utterly irresponsible.

In its unremitting hostility it amounted to a campaign.

Kicking

Argentina did their share of kicking but they were also kicked themselves not a little.

Five of their opponents were sent off. This did not evoke John Motson's sympathies — Motty devoted much of his Argentina-Romania commentary to attacking the Argentines, and Maradona (the



BARRY DAVIES

Latins' deficiencies to the Welsh influence in Patagonia?

Some players had their inability to stand upright under pressure ascribed to the bad influence of playing in Italian football.

Another stereotype, but not one Maradona was permitted.

No-one had a good word for Diego, not even when he clearly deserved it for defusing tension in the semi by communicating with the Italians whenever tempers rose.

No — Barry Davies' position was clear: "football has not benefited by this result," he complained. Why not, Barry?

The team that took their chances won the game.

That's all there is to it.

The culmination was a final commentary by John Motson that I found quite as repulsive as the match itself.

Never before have I been unable to watch a match because of the commentator, but I switched to ITV before the end.

Motty set his stall out early: "that's why so many of the neutrals are hoping West Germany wins," he informed us, adopting Barry Davies' technique of establishing 'our' moral position on the match, and then interpreting events from that standpoint.

Motty was referring to the respective disciplinary records of the teams.

Dodgy

In fact, before the final they'd had one dodgy sending-off each, and Motson was explaining his motives, which he had no right to assume we shared. (I was supporting the Germans too, but largely because I back-

ed them at 7-1 each way...)

It's difficult to capture the full flavour of his 90 minute diatribe, unless you heard it yourself. It was more relentless than any memorable phraseology.

A couple of snippets — Bobby Charlton co-stars.

Motty: "the behaviour of the South Americans has been quite appalling... [maybe] FIFA will have to ban them from the next World Cup."

Charlton: "when the Argentinians lose their cool, they lose it completely... they don't accept referees' decisions... this is the worst side of South American football."

Motty: "Codesal hasn't done too badly under the circumstances."

The quotes above come from a period just before and just after Dezotti's dismissal.

Three points: 1) Early last season there was an enormous fuss about indiscipline in English football, centring round the finale to an Arsenal-Norwich game. At no time did the commentators see fit to attribute these lapses to national failings of character.

2) The newspapers reacted with the most filthy racism; The Sun's 'Argy Scum' banner headline being only the worst example. Football commentators who maintain a constant flow of bile towards other nationalities cannot escape responsibility for the resulting atmosphere.

3) A little context was all that was required. It was the Final not a park kickabout. Argentina had a penal-

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JOHN MOTSON

are playing.

Witness Davies when Walker felled Schillaci: "oh no!"

Given England's failure to adopt a physical approach, the 'hard but fair' school had to save themselves for the surrogate teams, Scotland and Ireland.

One pondered, after McGrath elbowed Hagi in the face, whether the commentary would have been so forgiving had the captain of Napoli rather than Aston Villa been responsible.

And as Murdo

world's most fouled player) for "theatrics".

He was egged on by Bobby Charlton, who broadened the range to include "some of the South American countries."

Half a continent condemned for the sins of just one man.

Having enjoyed Dean Saunders' efforts at the Manor Ground I can assure Bobby that this habit is not confined to the Southern hemisphere.

Perhaps Bobby would like to trace the

Irish League held to 2-2 draw in Dublin

DUBLIN — GARY Hasler scored two superb goals to hold the League of Ireland to an exciting 2-2 draw at Dalymount Park on Friday evening.

It was the fourth draw in four games for coach Eddie Thomson's Olyroos on a five-match European tour.

And while Thomson bemoaned his strikers' misfortune in front of goal in the earlier games, his side was a shade lucky to escape defeat at the hands of an eager Irish team playing for places in the Irish Olympic squad.

Unlike the English, Scots, Welsh and Northern Irish, who do not field teams at the Olympics because they would be forced to compete as an all-British unit, the Republic of Ireland is a regular Olympic entrant though they have yet to qualify for the finals.

On a heavy, slippery pitch, the Australians opened promisingly and forced a fine save from Irish goalkeeper Tim Dalton in the 21st minute.

The resultant corner kick by Steve Refenes was deflected toward the unmarked Hasler and he sent a powerful header past Dalton from 15 metres out.



TONY VIDMAR

The Irish went on a sustained offensive and the Aussie defence was caught napping twice before half-time as first Ray O'Halloran was given plenty of space to score an equaliser and then, just four minutes later,

a low cross allowed Tony Cousins to belt the ball into the roof of the net from close range.

Ireland held its 2-1 half-time lead well into the second spell but had defender Fergis O'Donoghue stretched off with concussion in the 66th minute after an accidental clash with Hassler.

And it was Hasler who met a cross from John Markovski on the right to shoot home the equaliser from 12 metres three minutes later.

Both teams missed winning chances with the Olyroos' Carl Veart guilty of wasting an excellent opportunity when he delayed his shot too long, allowing Irish skipper Mick Neville to make a desperate saving tackle.

The Australians wound up their tour yesterday (Tuesday) with a match against the Czechoslovakian Olympic team in Prague.

That was easily the biggest test of the two-week visit to Europe.

For a full report of that match and a summation of the tour, see next week's ASW.

Australia v Switzerland 0-0

Olympic team's costly miss against the Swiss side

BY TED SIMMONS of AAP

THE Australian Olympic team survived a torrid opening 15 minutes to draw 0-0 with their Swiss counterparts in Wettingen, near Zurich, last Wednesday.

This was the same Swiss team which two weeks earlier had been unlucky to lose 2-1 to the powerful West German Olympians, and coach Eddie Thomson was more than happy with the result.

What started on tour as an inexperienced squad of youngsters has moulded into a cohesive unit which also boasts several first-rate talents, none more so than Ned Zelic, who again stood out.

The Australians remain unbeaten, but so far they have been unable to make the most of their chances in front of goal.

In this game they matched the Swiss in speed and skill but were unable to find the net.

In the opening quarter of an hour it was all Switzerland, whose attacks came in waves.

Good goalkeeping by John Filan and timely tackles by the over-worked Australian defenders, however, helped survive the onslaught and until half-time both teams were on par.

Ten minutes before half-time Australia should have gone ahead but John Markovski, who has yet to live up to expectations so far on tour, managed to blast a header from four metres out wide of the Swiss post.

George Slifkas came perilously close to being sent off, but escaped with a yellow card for "retaliation".



GEORGE SLIFKAS

All in all, a good result for Australia against experienced opponents who have tested their mettle many times over against the best Europe has to offer in their class.

Only 500 fans turned up to see the game, which is part of a tour designed to tune the Australian team up for qualification for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Coach Eddie Thomson said after the game: "We probably played better than the Swiss, it was very pleasing."

"But in front of goal we were dreadful."

"We're missing chances galore. That's the worry but on the positive side we're making the chances."

"We can solve it".

Australia's final

games are against the League of Ireland and the Czechoslovakian Olympic team.

The only real injury problem is West Australian Shaun Murphy, who tore his hamstring

against Dundee and was out for the rest of the tour.

AUSTRALIA: Filan, Zelic, Longo, Murray (Georgakis 46m), Dickinson, Vidmar, Gibson, Slifkas, Refenes, Markovski (Michalakopoulos 60m), Veart.
CROWD: 500.

Ref. Chris Bambridge reviews the scene

WRITES DAVID BULLOCK

THE 1990 Victorian State League season has taken its toll on the players, club officials and spectators with its gruelling schedule, but the referees who so often go unnoticed have kept pace in these trying times with a minimum of fuss.

Victorian referee Chris Bambridge is undoubtedly Australia's most experienced whistleman.

After coming from a hectic NSL summer season he went straight into the firing line of the State League.

There have been many view points surrounding the present State League set-up and Bambridge is only too happy to express his thoughts from a referee's angle on where the game is heading.

Regarding the present set-up, Bambridge feels radical adjustments must be made to bring the clubs in line.

He goes on to add: "I've seen virtually every team in the Victorian State League this season and to be quite honest, the distance between the teams at the top and the teams at the bottom is getting wider — considerably wider."

"I think up until seeing Heidelberg, Croydon and Juventus this year, the gap between these teams and the rest of the competition has also increased."

"It seems rationalisation has got to come, in what form I do not know."

"I think it has to for the sake of everyone, particularly the clubs lower down."

Bambridge also feels that the supporters have been given an unfair deal this season with the amount of matches being played over weekends.

Referring to weekend 'double-headers': "I've had a game on a Saturday and a Sunday and found that on the Saturday the teams have given their all,



CHRIS BAMBRIDGE

while on the next day they have struggled."

"That is not fair at all to the supporters who show dedication to their clubs."

"In all fairness, the VSF has done its best to get a hold of the situation they found themselves in."

Bambridge believes that where the State League has fallen away, the NSL has progressed enormously with the inception of summer soccer.

He said: "I enjoyed the first season."

"I didn't think I was going to because of the heat, but it has a lot going for it."

"The crowds appear to want to come out and watch it and that can only be good for the game."

On a final note, Bambridge has great admiration for his fellow Victorian referees.

"For the referees, going from summer to winter seasons, means it's been nearly two years non-stop".

Another NZ win

NEW Zealand striker Noel Barkley scored in the 34th minute to lift the All Whites to a 1-0 victory over China at Western Springs Stadium in Auckland last Friday.

The win gave New Zealand a clean sweep in the two-match series after the Kiwis won the first game 2-1 a week earlier.

China dominated the match for long periods but could not find a way to beat Sydney Olympic goalkeeper Clint Gosling.

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Injuries hampering the Newcastle BHP Australs

Newcastle's BHP Austral have had their fair share of injuries this year. 1990 started off badly when exciting young prospect Costa Caimakamis reported a back injury before the pre-season had even got under way. Then came the damaged ankle for Dean McWhirter which put him out of the game for seven weeks. Brett Porter, David Jones and David Bowen have all been sidelined at some stage this year. In the early stages of the pre-season coach Willie Gallagher experimented with some of

his youth players, among them was Troy Halpin who is currently leading scorer for BHP Austral U19s. He too suffered an ankle injury at a time when he could have been considered for a place on the first team bench. The latest to report unavailable is Pol Krstevski. On returning from Yugoslavia he had difficulty getting clearance from the club he played for.

When the all clear was given Pol twisted his knee against Sydney Macedonia which has resulted in an operation.

TRIMBOLI IN

PAUL Trimboli has been selected to join the Socceroos for their matches against South Korea in Seoul and Pusan on September 6 and 9.

Trimboli has completed his trials with Glasgow Rangers and will link up with the majority of the team that played in Indonesia, plus Branko Milosevic, Jean-Paul de Marigny and Olyroo Ned Zelic.

The ASF has also negotiated a game against Thailand in Bangkok after the two Korean games which will be screened on SBS.

The three games will give Thomson and assistant coach Les Scheinflug an opportunity to further examine the players in their bid to build a successful unit for the 1994 World Cup.

South Korea will be the real test as none of the teams the Socceroos beat in Indonesia, without conceding a goal, would rate anywhere near the top of the Asian echelon.

Indonesia was the only full international side to play the Aussies.

Demons' Comerford looks a prospect

A budding star in midfield for Blacktown City is Gary Comerford. Gary, who lives at nearby Guildford, was recently naturalised as an Australian. He came to Australia with his Welsh parents in 1983 when just eleven years old. He had played some schoolboy soccer in Wales and joined Greystanes club on his arrival. He moved up a notch to Melita Eagles U15 youth side but was

lured to Blacktown City the following season to join Ken Schembri's U17's. He has now played four seasons of soccer in just two and a half years as he progressed to the Demons' reserve team when the senior side still graced the NSL. He progressed to the first team this season and has made giant strides forward since the arrival of Ron Corry as first team coach.

Aussies win final 3-0

BY TED SIMMONS of AAP

NEW Soccerroo captain Paul Wade capped a memorable game with two goals as Australia beat Indonesia 3-0 in front of 22,000 spectators to win the fifth Independence Cup in Jakarta on Saturday.

Indonesia dominated a scoreless first half with unexpected short passing, a clever off-side trap and even beat the Australians on the ground and in the air.

However, the Soccerroos stuck to their task, soaking up the constant pressure and gradually



PAUL WADE

gained control in the second half.

Jason van Blerk, who replaced Mike Petersen at half-time, initiated the opening goal in the 55th minute with a quick throw to Kim Taliadoros, whose cross was headed into the net by the unmarked Wade from five metres.

Andrew Zinni swooped on a bad back pass, rounded keeper Eddy Harto to put Australia two goals in front eight minutes later.

Wade completed the scoring in the 76th minute when Tom McCulloch drove a corner deep from the left and

Wade again rose too high for the Indonesian defence to head his second goal.

The Indonesians had come close to scoring in the first half when Ferry Sandria and Aji Santoso both missed only by centimetres.

In a fiery second half Japanese referee Nagoaka Yasunori issued five yellow cards as the home side buckled and the Australians tightened their grip on the final.

This match, incidentally, was the only one in the tournament that counted as a full A international.

AUSTRALIA: Zabica, Durakovic, Bernal, McCulloch, Petersen (van Blerk 46m), Spyridakos, Tapai, Taliadoros (Krslovic 70m), Tobin, Wade, Zinni.

INDONESIA: Harto, Kasiha, Haryono, Santoso, Hattu, Suryaman, Lolombulan (Husaini 58m), Khaspadi, Hanafing, Mustaqim, Sandria.

REFEREE: N. Yasunori (Japan). CROWD: 22,000.

Australia v Malaysia 3-0

KIM STRIKES TWICE

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SOUTH Melbourne striker Kim Taliadoros took a giant step towards a permanent Soccerroo berth with his first class double against Malaysia.



TOM McCULLOCH

61st minute when substitute Andrew Zinni, who replaced Warren Spink, chased a chip from Tapai but pushed the ball wide with only the keeper to beat.

Australian keeper Robert Zabica had little work to do, but his huge clearance kicks caused multiple problems to the Thailand defence when they bounced midway into the opposition half.

AUSTRALIA: Robert Zabica, Mehmet Durakovic, Andrew Bernal, Tony Spyridakos, Alex Tobin, Paul Wade, Mike Petersen (Andrew Callanan 85m), Tom McCulloch, Ernie Tapai, Kim Taliadoros, Warren Spink (Andrew Zinni 57m).

THAILAND: Kampiam, Akarapong, Surak Chaikitti, Thongsuk, Thongsukkaeo, Chitvanich, Kijmongkolsak (Pankao 80m), Changmool, Sayomchai (Dejpramualpol 65m), Noonol, Soonthornpuk.

SCORERS: McCulloch 70 & 79 (pen) m. REFEREE: Djafar Umar (Indonesia). CROWD: 17,000.

GROUP 1

Indonesia A 6 Singapore 0, Thailand 2 Singapore 1, Indonesia A 0 Thailand 0.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Indonesia A	2	1	0	1	6	0	3
Thailand	2	1	0	2	1	3	3
Singapore	2	0	2	1	8	0	0

Group 2

Indonesia B 0 Malaysia 0, Australia 3 Malaysia 0, Australia 7 Indonesia B 0.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Australia	2	2	0	0	10	0	4
Malaysia	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Indonesia B	2	0	0	1	0	7	1

Tom McCulloch's turn to star

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TOM McCulloch scored both goals in Australia's 2-0 semi-final win over Thailand to join Kim Taliadoros and Andrew Zinni with three goals each from three matches.

Australia's win took it into Saturday's final against Indonesia A which beat Malaysia 2-0 in the second semi-final.

"It's the first double I've ever scored for Australia from about 35 international appearances," said McCulloch.

Australia struggled against Thailand during a scoreless first half, missing at least five clear chances.

McCulloch scored his first goal from a free kick just outside the penalty area in the 70th minute, and added the second nine minutes later from a penalty.

"It was such a relief when the first shot went in," he said.

"The penalty was also a relief because it gave us the game. But we really should have had the match in our keeping at half-time."

McCulloch, who takes the penalties for his National League club Marconi, slotted the ball past the keeper in the right corner.

Thailand came out firing in the second half and referee Djar Umar flashed seven yellow cards, five against Thailand, to stop a spate of vicious tackles.

Australian captain Paul Wade suffered a badly bruised right thigh and is in doubt for Saturday's final.

He has received quick treatment from the team's medical staff and will be rested as much as possible to try and get him fit for the match against Indonesia.

Australia had to take the game to Thailand which was content to sit back in defence and wait for a sudden break-away.

"Indonesia will be harder and we can't afford to miss the same number of chances," said Soccerroo coach Les Scheinflug.

"We can't let them

play their game. We must pressure them from the opening whistle.

"We missed two or three easy chances and will have to work harder in the final," said Scheinflug.

The Australians had at least five first half scoring opportunities while Thailand was content to sit back and wait for the Soccerroos to come to them.

Both teams surged into action in the second half and swinging feet caused referee Umar to issue the five yellow cards against Thailand and two against the Australians.

Winger Ernie Tapai, whose speed caused so many problems in the earlier games, was well marked and had few opportunities to use his pace.

The Australians relied on slow build-ups from the backline with defenders Alex Tobin and Andrew Bernal cutting out almost every opposition attack and setting the Soccerroos in motion.

Striker Kim Taliadoros, who missed one open chance in the 32nd minute, shot into the side net from close range seven minutes into the second half.

The only other scoring chance came in the

Australia v Indonesia 'B' 7-0

Hat-trick to Zinni in big comeback

ANDREW Zinni had to wait three years before he scored again for the Soccerroos and he did it with a hat-trick.

Playing with aggression and speed, Zinni was on target three times as Australia pasted Indonesia 'B' 7-0.

To qualify for the semi-finals of the fifth Independence Cup.

"I last played for Australia against New Zealand in the 1987 Trans-Tasman Cup after touring South Korea earlier that year for the President's Cup tournament," said Zinni.

"The match against New Zealand was also the last time I scored for the Soccerroos."

"It's been a long wait to get on the international score sheet again."

Zinni was a late

replacement in the Soccerroo squad following unexpected withdrawal of Sydney striker Graham Arnold.

He was not chosen in Australia's team which beat Malaysia 3-0 in the opening game.

A cross by winger Jason van Blerk in the third minute was tapped in from three metres for the first Zinni goal.

In the 55th minute a chip by defender George Jolevski landed in front of Zinni, who also chipped over the advancing keeper for his second goal.

Five minutes later van Blerk sped down the left, despite protests of offside, and his centre was met by Zinni for his final score.



ANDREW ZINNI

The Indonesians played attractive one-touch football in the first half but the Australians reversed the situation in the second session to beat them at their own game.

Andrew Bernal was again the dominant figure in defence and was solidly supported by George Jolevski whose sideline runs and quick passing frequently found the Indonesian defenders on the wrong foot.

The best goal was scored by Van Blerk who picked up a pass near the halfway line, ran 50 metres, cutting into the penalty area to draw the keeper and then slam the ball into the net at a low angle.

The Australians finished top of their group with two wins from two matches and had a rest day before the semi-finals.

Coach Les Scheinflug said some of the players had been struggling in the first match, but were now getting accustomed to the heat and humidity.

"Defender Andrew Bernal was again great, Tom McCulloch had a much improved game, and it was nice to hear the crowd cheering the Australians," he said.

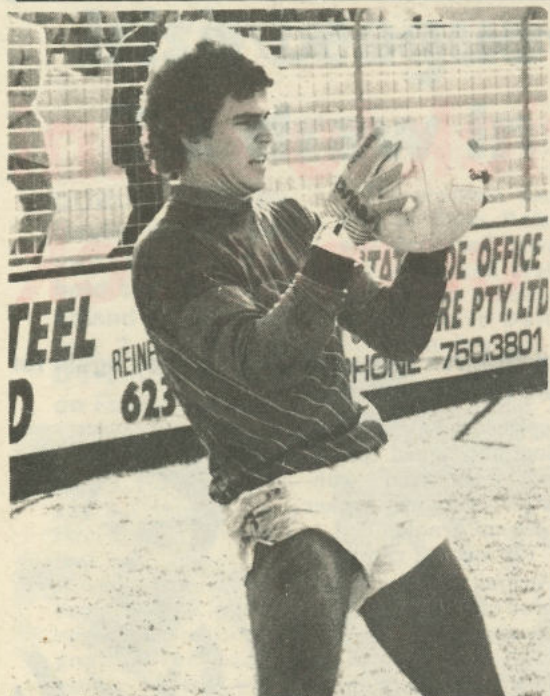
"The team will have a rest today, apart from a quiet stretching session, and then we'll begin working on winning the semi-final."

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INDONESIA 'B': Latuperisa, Setyawan, Rehmalem, Rangkuti, Karo Karo, Sukri, Sutiono, Lubis (Widjanarko 68m), Kurnia, Sunan (Encang 27m), Meriem.

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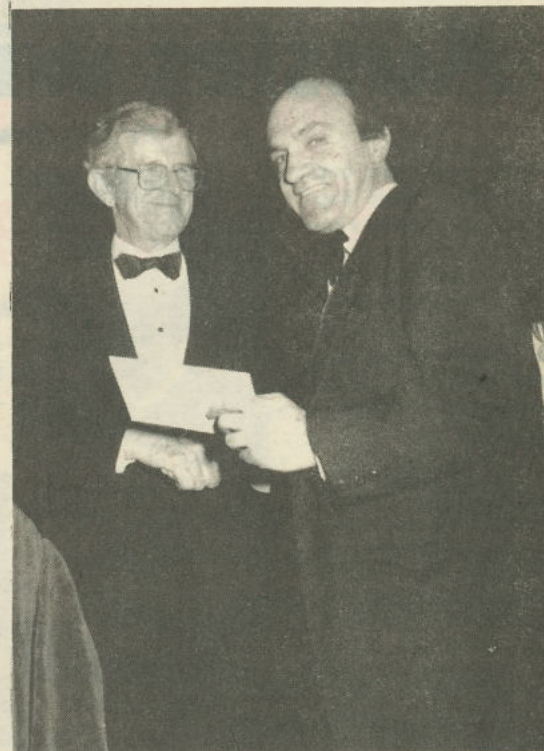
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The availability of National Soccer League matches during summer, when other codes are dormant, has led to an approach to NSW government authorities to run a gambling series along the lines of the popular Footy-Tab.

The Blacktown Demons players continue to gain representative honours. This time it is reserve goalkeeper Andrew Crews, defenders Jason Sultana and Hayden Begbie plus

September in Melbourne.

ZLATKO ARAMBASIC is out of action for four weeks after colliding with a Mechelen team-mate at training. He is in very good hands, though, as he is being attended by the famous Belgian specialist, Professor Maertens, the medico who cured Ruud Gullit.

Three Melbourne clubs now have appointed fulltime administrators. Sunshine's commercial manager is Gary Hasler; South Melbourne gave the position to Barry Horsfall and Preston have appointed Merv Cattermole. In Sydney, Stefan Kamasz is now employed fulltime by Sydney Olympic.

Sydney-Melbourne Croatia on tour

BY MIKE KOMADINA

THE Combined Sydney-Melbourne Croatia team enjoyed a highly successful tour in Croatia, advises team manager Tony Vrzina.

They gave some top displays and enjoyed the respect of the crowds and all of their opponents.

Mr Vrzina was impressed by the number of highly regarded European managers at some of the games, looking at the young talent on display from Australia.

The visitors originally were set down to play only four games on the tour.

But they were in such demand that they ended up playing nine over a short period.

Mr Vrzina was very

scored when the crowd invaded the pitch trying to get Sydney-Melbourne Croatia players' gear as souvenirs.

This was the first ever such tour, and the atmosphere amongst the crowd of in excess of 20,000 was electrifying.

The game finished on a very high note, with the local sporting newspapers particularly mentioning Lamond, Graham Arnold, Mark Talajic and Mark Jones.

The Australian talent was said to have matched Hajduk in every department of the game.

The second major game against Dinamo Zagreb finished in a 1-1 draw.

Keeping in mind that Dinamo equalised

the club.

And three more players have been approached by two clubs — Lamond, Talajic and Jones.

Mr Vrzina said that the most sought after player was David Seal, who was unable to make the tour due to his representative commitments with the Australian under 20 team on its Asian tour, where once again he was the leading scorer.

Mr Vrzina believes that the Sydney-Melbourne Croatia tour has opened the way for Australian clubs to visit European countries to gain experience playing in front of larger crowds.

This in turn will make the game more professional in Australia.



The writer, Mike Komadina, welcomes home Sydney Croatia coach Tony Vrzina together with his team members at Mascot Airport following their successful tour.



Tony Vrzina (centre) and vice president of Sydney Croatia Slavko Bradvica (left) inspect Hajduk Split's magnificent stadium, Poljud in Split. At left is Tim Rujnic, the tour liaison officer.

pleased with the results they achieved with four wins three losses and two draws, scoring 18 goals and conceding 13.

If it hadn't been for very early injuries to Mike Grbevski and Alan Hunter and Branko Milosevic's family problems the results would have been even better.

The leading goal scorer with six goals was Joe Caleta.

The most memorable match was played in Split against 1st Division Hajduk at one of the best stadiums in the world — Hajduk's "Poljud".

The Hajduk side was at full strength and included in the team were the two internationals who were missing when they toured Australia in June plus four new signings.

Sydney-Melbourne Croatia took a shock 2-0 lead with goals scored by Ivan Kelic and Joe Caleta but the star and architect was Manis Lamond.

Hajduk eventually came out 3-2 winners and the last goal was

from an apparent offside with only 10 minutes to go, it was a very commendable display.

Manis Lamond starred again and truly came of age on this tour.

The crowd at this game was in excess of 17,000 and they again stormed the pitch at the finish of the game.

Due to the high standard of soccer shown by the Sydney and Melbourne players, Hajduk and Dinamo, two huge Croatian clubs, indicated that they are prepared to sponsor some of the clubs' younger talent to train as full time professionals in the near future.

Some European managers and team scouts at these games said they would be closely following soccer developments in Australia in future.

Graham Arnold, who had previously been under the eye of Dutch club Roda JC, was checked over at the Hajduk game and is already playing with

Northern NSW

PENALTY SHOOTOUT

The many 'experts' have once again put forward a multitude of alternatives only to see them go into the 'too-hard basket'.

The Directors of the Federation however have accepted a proposal as put forward by its Director of Coaching Ken Kaiser, to be trialled and assessed during the 1991 Pre-Season.

Changes to Pre-Season Play-Offs In the event of a Draw

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7. If after twenty minutes the result is still drawn the penalty system will be used.

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mentations, and Koch was expected to be a key player in the Brisbane United side.

Queensland could also lose another talented youngster in Lions midfielder Nick Meredith.

The attacking midfielder caught the eye of Marconi supremo Berti Mariani during the State of Origin game at Perry Park and has been invited to trial at Bossley Park.

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The availability of National Soccer League matches during summer, when other codes are dormant, has led to an approach to NSW government authorities to run a gambling series along the lines of the popular Footy-Tab.

The Blacktown Demons players continue to gain representative honours. This time it is reserve goalkeeper Andrew Crews, defenders Jason Sultana and Hayden Begbie plus midfielder and recent

September in Melbourne.

ZLATKO ARAMBASIC is out of action for four weeks after colliding with a Mechelen team-mate at training. He is in very good hands, though, as he is being attended by the famous Belgian specialist, Professor Maertens, the medico who cured Ruud Gullit.

Three Melbourne clubs now have appointed fulltime administrators. Sunshine's commercial manager is Gary Hasler; South Melbourne gave the position to Barry Horsfall and Preston have appointed Merv Cattermole. In Sydney, Stefan Kamasz is now employed fulltime by Sydney Olympic.

Sydney-Melbourne Croatia on tour

BY MIKE KOMADINA

THE Combined Sydney-Melbourne Croatia team enjoyed a highly successful tour in Croatia, advises team manager Tony Vrzina.

They gave some top displays and enjoyed the respect of the crowds and all of their opponents.

Mr Vrzina was impressed by the number of highly regarded European managers at some of the games, looking at the young talent on display from Australia.

The visitors originally were set down to play only four games on the tour.

But they were in such demand that they ended up playing nine over a short period.

Mr Vrzina was very

scored when the crowd invaded the pitch trying to get Sydney-Melbourne Croatia players' gear as souvenirs.

This was the first ever such tour, and the atmosphere amongst the crowd of in excess of 20,000 was electrifying.

The game finished on a very high note, with the local sporting newspapers particularly mentioning Lamond, Graham Arnold, Mark Talajic and Mark Jones.

The Australian talent was said to have matched Hajduk in every department of the game.

The second major game against Dinamo Zagreb finished in a 1-1 draw.

Keeping in mind that Dinamo equalised

the club.

And three more players have been approached by two clubs — Lamond, Talajic and Jones.

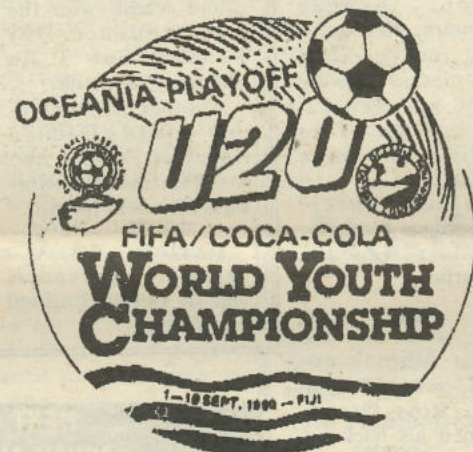
Mr Vrzina said that the most sought after player was David Seal, who was unable to make the tour due to his representative commitments with the Australian under 20 team on its Asian tour, where once again he was the leading scorer.

Mr Vrzina believes that the Sydney-Melbourne Croatia tour has opened the way for Australian clubs to visit European countries to gain experience playing in front of larger crowds.

This in turn will make the game more professional in Australia.



The writer, Mike Komadina, welcomes home Sydney Croatia coach Tony Vrzina together with his team members at Mascot Airport following their successful tour.



Tony Vrzina (centre) and vice president of Sydney Croatia Slavko Bradvica (left) inspect Hajduk Split's magnificent stadium, Poljud in Split. At left is Tim Rujnic, the tour liaison officer.

pleased with the results they achieved with four wins three losses and two draws, scoring 18 goals and conceding 13.

If it hadn't been for very early injuries to Mike Grbevski and Alan Hunter and Branko Milosevic's family problems the results would have been even better.

The leading goal scorer with six goals was Joe Caleta.

The most memorable match was played in Split against 1st Division Hajduk at one of the best stadiums in the world — Hajduk's "Poljud".

The Hajduk side was at full strength and included in the team were the two internationals who were missing when they toured Australia in June plus four new signings.

Sydney-Melbourne Croatia took a shock 2-0 lead with goals scored by Ivan Kelic and Joe Caleta but the star and architect was Manis Lamond.

Hajduk eventually came out 3-2 winners and the last goal was

from an apparent offside with only 10 minutes to go, it was a very commendable display.

Manis Lamond starred again and truly came of age on this tour.

The crowd at this game was in excess of 17,000 and they again stormed the pitch at the finish of the game.

Due to the high standard of soccer shown by the Sydney and Melbourne players, Hajduk and Dinamo, two huge Croatian clubs, indicated that they are prepared to sponsor some of the clubs' younger talent to train as full time professionals in the near future.

Some European managers and team scouts at these games said they would be closely following soccer developments in Australia in future.

Graham Arnold, who had previously been under the eye of Dutch club Roda JC, was checked over at the Hajduk game and is already playing with

Northern NSW

PENALTY SHOOTOUT

The many 'experts' have once again put forward a multitude of alternatives only to see them go into the 'too-hard basket'.

The Directors of the Federation however have accepted a proposal as put forward by its Director of Coaching Ken Kaiser, to be trialled and assessed during the 1991 Pre-Season.

Changes to Pre-Season Play-Offs In the event of a Draw

1. At the completion of normal time an extra period of a maximum of ten minutes each way to be played.
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7. If after twenty minutes the result is still drawn the penalty system will be used.

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Young Roos

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stake.

All soccer fans will join with Australian Soccer Weekly in wishing the Young Socceroos a successful tournament.

The players are: M. Schwarzer, M. Babic, T. Popovic, P. Okon (captain), M. Bingley, J. Kakakios, R. Stanton, D. Seal (vice captain) (NSW), R. Stojcevski, W. Hastie, S. Becvinovski (Vic), F. Talia, J. Koliba, L. Kindtner, B. Maloney, K. Trajanovski, S. Corica, G. Sorras (AIS).

The coach is Les Scheinflug and his assistant Raul Blanco, with George Dick as tour leader.

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recommendations, and Koch was expected to be a key player in the Brisbane United side.

Queensland could also lose another talented youngster in Lions midfielder Nick Meredith.

The attacking midfielder caught the eye of Marconi supremo Berti Mariani during the State of Origin game at Perry Park and has been invited to trial at Bossley Park.

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Allan Pottier hit by injury

RUSSELL WHITSON WRITES FROM PERTH

FORMER St George midfielder, Allan Pottier, has been plagued with an ankle injury which has restricted his appearances with Perth Italia.

In the early part of the season Pottier provided Italia with some strong displays but the niggling injury put a cloud over his chances of gaining fitness for the league play-offs.

In January, Pottier was overlooked for the State match against Torpedo Moscow, but he earned selection against the Singapore national side at Easter and capped off a fine match by hitting a breathtaking goal.

When Craig Johnston arrived in Perth it was a dream come true for 20 junior players.

The former Liverpool star, in conjunction with AMP Australia, conducted a coaching clinic for the eager youngsters who were fortunate to win a newspaper competition which was run during the World Cup.

The clinic was held at Lake Monger Velodrome on Saturday between 10am and 2pm, and many soccer followers attended to see Johnston put the lads through an extensive programme.

On the Sunday morning Johnston returned to the Velodrome to present trophies for the under-13 and under-14 Junior Cup Finals, and at noon he was the guest speaker at a luncheon prior to the Perth Italia-North Croatia D'Orsogna Cup semi-final clash at Kingsway Reserve.

In the evening he visited the studios of Radio 6NR to take part in the Junior programme, before being whisked off to the Kiev Sports Ground for a training session with the WA Coaches Association.

Johnston's final en-



CRAIG JOHNSTON

gement was on the Monday where he took part in a golf day at the new Burswood Casino course.

Earlier this month the Soccer Federation of Western Australia moved to a new location.

They are now housed in spacious offices at unit 6, 663 Newcastle Street, Leederville, along with the Super League, referees, juniors and Director of Coaching, John Ward.

The move was made possible after the WA Minister of Sport, Gordon Hill, provided a \$25,000 grant in May.

For over 20 years the SFWA operated from cramped office space under the Lake Monger Velodrome main stand.

The new contact numbers for the SFWA are, telephone (09) 227 6878, fax (09) 227 6943.

Athena tops

Meanwhile, in the Super League, Floreat Athena have almost assured themselves of their third successive league title after Round 15 fixtures.

With three matches remaining, Athena retain a nine point lead over Perth Italia and

Stirling Macedonia.

Athena kept their unbeaten record intact with a 2-0 win over bottom-placed Kingsway Olympic and Italia and Macedonia enjoyed comfortable 3-0 and 4-0 victories over Spearwood Dalmatinac and North Perth Croatia respectively.

Super League newcomers, Kelmscott Roos, move into fourth place following their 1-0 win over Sorrento but the other new side, Kwinana United lost 3-1 to Bayswater Inter, whose coach Gaetano Castiello resigned a week earlier.

Floreat Athena's exciting 23-year-old midfielder, Ross Greer, has turned his back on a number of NSL clubs to try his luck in England.

Greer, who had a short stint with Chester City last season, left Perth recently to join second division side Bristol City.

Earlier this month Wollongong City, Sydney Olympic, Sunshine George Cross and Preston Makedonia all had representatives fly to Perth to cast an eye over one of WA's brightest prospects.

Latham, Harley, Nalpantisidis

Trials in England and Greece

BY ALLAN CRISP

SALISBURY United utility Graham Latham has jetted off for trials with English clubs Ipswich Town, Coventry City and Norwich City.

Latham, 22, flew out last week with the blessing of his club and particularly his coach Bob Wincer, who arranged the trials for the versatile player.

Wincer, a former English Youth team representative and Sheffield Wednesday player and coach, has recommended Latham to his English contacts.

Latham has enjoyed an outstanding season with Salisbury, alternating between centre back and the midfield.

He was a member of the South Australian squad which won the Independence Day Tournament in Vanuatu this month.

Another member of that squad, Damien Harley of Polonia, also is set to trial with Norwich City next month.

Harley, 22, an aggressive defender, will fly out to England on Friday.

"Graham has the height, strength, skill and dedication to succeed as a professional in the UK," said Salisbury United executive Jack Innes.

A plumber, Latham has been given indefinite leave by his employers to explore his ambition to break into the UK scene.

"He has decided to give it as long a time as it takes to attempt to make the grade," Mr Innes said.

"He wants to become a top player and he is prepared to work hard to achieve his aim."

Meanwhile, USC Lion midfielder Steve Nalpantisidis is currently trialling and training with Greek first division club PAOK of Salonika.

Nalpantisidis, 21, was loaned to USC Lion by Adelaide Croatia this season after failing to gain a regular spot with the Foundation State League runner-up.

Contacts in Adelaide said yesterday that Nalpantisidis is hopeful of gaining a contract with PAOK before the new Greek season kicks-off.

NEXT WEEK SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A review of the South Australian team's successful recent tour of Vanuatu by Allan Crisp.

CADBURY STATE LEAGUE

As at 14.8.90

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
White Eagles	18	14	2	2	58	17	44
Hobart Juv	18	11	4	3	45	21	37
Ulverstone	19	11	2	6	32	23	35
Launceston Juv	18	10	4	4	35	17	34
Olympia-SBT	18	9	2	7	33	24	29
Devonport	19	7	7	5	32	31	28
Caledonian	17	3	1	13	16	36	10
Burnie Utd	18	2	2	14	15	56	8
Croatia Glen	19	1	4	14	15	56	7

ACT LEAGUE

Canberra City Concordia 1
Canberra Croatia 3, Defence
Academy 1 Weston Creek 3,
Tuggeranong United 0 Belcon-
nen United 0, University of
Canberra 3 Juventus 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belconnen Utd	19	11	5	3	36	20	27
Juventus	18	10	5	3	41	20	25
C.C. Concordia	19	11	3	5	41	25	25
Tugger Utd	18	7	7	4	38	25	21
Uni of Can.	19	7	7	5	40	34	21
C'berra Cr	19	9	1	9	35	28	19
Weston Creek	18	3	3	12	20	43	9
Defence Acad	18	0	1	17	10	66	1

The ACT Scene

BY GRAHAM COOKE

★ The 1989 ACT Best and Fairest medal winner, Gary Van Der Plaats back with Canberra City Concordia after an unsuccessful attempt to break into European soccer. He showed he had lost none of this old touch by opening the scoring in his team's 2-0 win over Defence Academy.

★ Tuggeranong United coaching director Ian Heywood believes his team is now playing its best football of the season and believes it can not only cement an Ampol Cup place, but worry the three teams at present contesting the championship.

Speaking after United had beaten Weston Creek 4-2 he pointed out that two of United's remaining opponents included title contenders Belconnen United and Canberra City Concordia "so we are in a position to do a bit of damage."

★ Elton Ivers has been named to referee the Viscount Shield final between third-division sides Belconnen United and University of Canberra at Hackett Oval on September 8. Ivers will also be the ACT referee at the Australian Women's Championships in Sydney at the end of September.

★ Weston Creek's search for an amalgamation partner for next season is progressing well and the senior chairman of the ACT first-division club, Colin Tully, says he hopes to make an announcement shortly. "If negotiations are successful it will be a deal to make everyone happy," he said.

★ A familiar name will be missing from the ACT indoor soccer line-up. Ainslie Concrete Dribblers, one of the most successful teams in local competition, will not be entering a team in the spring

series.

But team manager Nunzio Rinaudo denies that his will mean the end of the Dribblers, which once harboured national league ambitions. "Myself, my brother Dominic, and James Kanaridis will be in Italy during the time the league is played and that makes a big hole in our playing strength," he said.

"But we'll be back for the national titles in January."

And the reason for the trio's Italian jaunt? "Dominic is getting married, and we also hope to play a little football while we're over there."

★ St Mary's College from the United States, made a flying visit to the ACT as part of its women's team tour of Australia, drawing 1-1 with the ACT senior side at Hackett Oval.

Fresh from a win and a loss over the Victorian state team, the powerful Californian outfit — ranked 12th in national college soccer — shocked the ACT with an early goal.

The ACT came back and increasing pressure forced St Mary's into conceding an own goal shortly before half time.

The home team's performance against a quality opponent will have pleased coach Jim Gordon as he completes the ACT's preparations for its national championship challenge at Parklea, Sydney next month.

The squad kicks off with a game against Northern NSW on Sunday, September 16. Its other matches are: Tasmania, Monday; Western Australia, Tuesday; Queensland, Wednesday; Victoria, Thursday and South Australia, Friday. Should it make the final, this will be played on Saturday, September 22 at 1pm.

ADELAIDE CITY — 1989/90 & DOWN THE YEARS

ADELAIDE CITY

OPPONENT	HOME					AWAY					FINALS					CUP					TOTAL					RECORD WIN	RECORD DEFEAT
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		
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★ NOTE: 1990 denotes 1989/90 season/finals or cup matches decided on penalties are shown as drawn games ★





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Queensland's own beer



Williamson blasts 1990 standards

BY GREG RUSSELL

NORTH Star player-coach Billy Williamson has launched a stinging attack on the standard of the Queensland XXXX League this season.

Williamson, who admits his own side has so far not lived up to expectations, has rated this year as the worst standard of football he has experienced since coming to Australia from Dundee 11 years ago.

Surprisingly, the 37-year-old Williamson believes there are too many older players in the XXXX League.

"There are some older faces who are just going around for the money," he said.

"I'm 37, and if I wasn't doing my job on the field then I would be man enough to stand down."

"But there are some players who are just going through the motions. It's time for clubs to give younger blokes a go."

Williamson said he is almost certain to retire from first grade football at the end of this season, and is determined to ensure North Star change with the times and don't become stagnated like some other sides in the league.

He initiated the rebuilding at O'Callaghan Park this season with the purchase



BILLY WILLIAMSON

of young Inala fullback Nick Seeley and bustling Wynnum centre-forward Geoff Maltby.

And the transition will continue firing during the next off-season.

"We've had a few approaches from a couple of good midfielders and a goalkeeper," Williamson said.

"We've got a good squad at North Star, but they are welcome to come over if they are prepared to sit on the bench for a while and win their way into the team."

North Star, who lost

just one fixture last year in a comprehensive eight point premiership win, surrendered their title a fortnight ago to Brisbane Lions.

Grand final

North Star bounced back last week to retain the Ampol Cup — their fourth win in seven years — and now are aiming to lift the Brusasco Cup as grand final winners to salvage what by their own standards has been a disappointing season.

Williamson pinpoints obvious inconsistency as his side's undoing this season. Last year Stars conceded only 14 goals but have the chance of conceding 30 by the

end of this season.

By comparison, newly-crowned premiers Lions are yet to crack double figures in the goals conceded column.

Although young Seeley has taken time to adapt, and Phil Mulvey has had his first season at fullback, Williamson does not blame them for the glut of goal against.

Up front, Maltby also took time to settle into the team after an injury-studded season.

"Nick and Geoff came from the second division which is a big step," Williamson said. "I'm expecting big things from them next year."

North Star also have high hopes for young sweeper Chris Tribek, who came on for Williamson in the final minutes in the Cup final and made his starting team debut recently.

Williamson said his side's experienced players as much as the newcomers had to take responsibility for the indifferent mid-season form.

"With our reserves on top of their league, the first team players were told they had to get results or changes would be made. Happily in the cup final they showed what they can do."

Williamson said defending the premiership flag had been disappointing but had been inevitable for some weeks.

"We conceded it was lost about three ago and set our aims as the Ampol Cup and the grand final," he said.



ANDREW HOBBS — his Grange Thistle side is staring at relegation.

Olympic United doomed

THE XXXX League relegation issue is set to go to the wire with the stragglers all making late bids for survival.

With the exception of the already doomed Olympic United, the next four bottom teams have juggled spots over the past month as they have attempted to regain a foothold in the top division.

The big improvers have been Coalstars under new coach John Ogden. The Coalminers, who six weeks ago loomed as relegation co-favourites, clinched their place in next year's XXXX League with a stunning mid-week upset of North Star last week.

Although not noted as the League's best travellers, Coalstars took the game to the newly-crowned Ampol Cup champions and emerged with a hard

fought 1-0 win.

Although the honors were shared in the first half, Coalstars gave warning that they were there to win when they created two break-aways shortly after halftime.

Only good work by North Star player-coach Billy Williamson and keeper Noel Lord stopped the goals.

Coalstars then weathered a period of pressure from the 1989 premiers, with veteran Kevin Caldwell giving an ageless performance in defence, before the Coalminers surged back into attack and gained a penalty in the final minutes.

Coalstars converted for the winner, the three points and XXXX League survival.

Mount Gravatt also gained a grip on a 1991 XXXX League place when they scored an upset 2-1 midweek win over finals contenders Pine Rivers.

Two penalties gave Hawks their much-needed three points which enabled them to leapfrog Acacia Ridge at the bottom of the table.

The results left Ridge to battle with Grange Thistle for the other relegation place in the final weekend of fixtures.

The Ridge this weekend host Mount Gravatt, ironically Ridge coach Eric Thompson's former club, while Thistle have a potentially tougher tie at home against Lions.

In other final round matches, Olympic say farewell to the XXXX League with a home tie against Brisbane City — a game that 20 years ago would have been the match of the day.

Pine Rivers host Taringa Rovers in a semi-final decider, Coalstars travel to Rochedale and Easts meet North Star.

North Star the KO Kings

BY GREG RUSSELL

NORTH Star confirmed their reputation as Queensland's leading knockout experts when they delivered a powerpacked 3-0 punch to Easts in Ampol Cup final at Perry Park last Sunday week.

Stars, who a week earlier had surrendered their premiers' crown to Lions, defended their cup holders title more doggedly and the trophy's retention was never in doubt.

It was a clinical rather than spectacular performance from the Billy Williamson-coached side.

In a style reminiscent of that which saw them go undefeated for most of last season, Stars pushed the ball around the park with purpose and patience to find the rare gaps in the Easts defence.

Although the Tigers had their share of attacks in the first period, North Star always looked the side most likely to score.

They achieved the breakthrough six minutes from the break with a goal which seemed to deflate the Easts confidence.

A high cross into the penalty box sought to deceive Tigers keeper Dave Mewburn, who was caught in no-man's land as Mark Greer knocked the ball back across the

box for Jim McDonagh to head into the net.

If Mewburn was responsible in any way for the goal, he certainly kept his team in the game seconds after the break when North Star immediately launched on the attack.

McDonagh, whose contribution throughout underlined his port wine qualities, set up Ken Swan whose low shot was smothered by the Tigers custodian.

But North Star, who have appeared in more cup finals than any other team in the past decade, had one hand on the cup and were not about to give Easts a fingerhold.

Four minutes later, McDonagh slammed a point blank shot onto the crossbar, possibly not realising how close he was to the goalmouth and how much of the goal was at his mercy.

But the near-miss only proved to inspire North Star to maintain their pressure on the Easts goal.

Former Wynnum barn-stormer Geoff Maltby made the run which led to his side's goal.

The bustling striker, whose goals this season have not reflected the extent of damage he has reeked in opposition defences, burst through the Easts defence to cross to the Swan brothers, Ken and Ross, who weaved

into the box.

Ken's shot was blocked but luck was with the cup holders. The ball rebounded to ever-alert midfielder Shane Had-dow who fired a low attempt which squeaked under the possibly unsighted Mewburn in the 64th minute.

But the Easts defence of Paul Laycock, Steve Perry, Stein Grodum North Star side buoyed by the scent of victory, held firm.

The cup holders began finding gaps and earned a penalty in the 88th minute when forward-moving fullback Nick Seeley burst into the box and was pushed from behind by Easts striker Billy McDermott.

McDonagh executed the kick with typical professionalism.

Williamson, who substituted himself late in the game to savour the victory from the sideline, said he was always confident his team had the ability to down Easts and retain the cup.

"Once we scored I knew they cup was ours," he said. "We've lost the premiership but hopefully we can build on this victory for the finals series."

Easts coach Phil Thompson said his side always were the underdogs with several key players out injured.

Coalstars hit pay dirt

FROM PAT McERLEAN

THE Ipswich Coalstars have shown a remarkable form recovery.

In the last nine matches Coalstars have only conceded one defeat, which is really a great achievement for the team lead by new player-coach John Ogden.

Ogden replaced Mark Brusasco eleven weeks ago and has certainly turned the team's fortunes around.

His approach after assuming control was firstly to save the team from relegation and then to have the players enjoy their football. The results are now on the board.

Ogden would have to be classified as a quiet achiever in the coaching ranks.

Determining which XXXX League teams will be relegated is still the burning question being asked in Brisbane at the moment.

Olympic United look certain contenders to be one of them.

Grange Thistle appear to have little chance of surviving in the XXXX League.

Acacia Ridge are also sitting on the razor edge.

The final outcome for Grange Thistle and Acacia Ridge will not be known until the last round is played.

And, as a tailpiece, North Star's 3-0 Ampol Cup final win over Eastern Suburbs means that they have twice won it back-to-back — in 1984/85 and now in 1989/90.

453 schools down to final 4

FROM BILL TURNER

THE 1990 Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup lines up as being the best promotion since the competition began in 1979.

Macquarie Field, Speers Point is in fair condition for the semi-finals on September 4 and the final on September 5.

The programme schedule is:

• Tuesday: semi-finals 6pm: Lithgow v Epping Boys, 7.30pm: Whitebridge v Sunnybank (Qld)

• Wednesday: 5pm: Early fixture, 6.15pm: Play off — 3rd and 4th place, 7.30pm: Grand final followed by presentation.

To reach the semi-finals must be regarded as a fine achievement when one considers that 453 schools entered this year's competition.

Interest in the series has been enhanced by a "Meet the Teams"

promotion at the giant Charlestown Square at 11.30am on Tuesday September 4.

The Centre management will devote the main court to a soccer-field facade and the Cup will also be displayed.

Many top officials in education and sport have indicated their intentions to be in attendance.

Queensland assault

For the first time a Queensland school has reached the semi-finals.

Newcastle fans are anxiously awaiting their clash with Whitebridge.

Sunnybank's record indicates that when they are hot — they are hot.

To date they have defeated Mt Gravatt 3/4-3/3; Nerang 9-0; Shailer Park 2/5-2/4; Merrimac 5-0; Redbank Plains, Ipswich 1-0 in the Area Two

Final; Nambour 2-1 in the Pre Quarterfinal, which is also the Queensland final while in the quarter-final they defeated Richmond River, Lismore 2-1 at Perry Park Brisbane.

But what of their opponents Whitebridge has had a great year in school sport and is hoping to add a soccer cup to its trophies.

The last time Whitebridge reached the final of the Bill Turner Cup was in its first year, 1979 when they lost a titanic struggle against Belmont.

Despite losing arguably their top player Troy Johnston with a broken leg sustained in a weekend match, they have had good back up players ready to step in.

To date they have defeated Irrawang, Newcastle Grammar 4-2xt; West Wallsend 3-2; Wallsend 1-0; Merewether 3-0 in the

Area Six Final; Oxley (Tamworth) 1-0xt; and St Dominics, Penrith 2-1 in the quarter-final.

It will be interesting to see who coach Gary Freeman uses out of his reserve bench.

Favourites

Installed as early favourites by Sydney co-ordinator Lindsay

Hewison after some devastating result, Epping Boys High may have reached their peak at the right time.

In addition to winning their Cup matches they also had a win over the visiting New Zealand open school side Tamatea from Napier.

When on form they are ruthless against

any defence that relaxes for a moment.

But as Patrician Bros Fairfield proved — goals can be scored against them.

They have accounted for Killara 11-0; Galston 13-0; Normanhurst Boys 6-0; Holy Cross, Ryde 1-0; Cromer 4-0 in the Area 10 final; Parramatta Marist 3-1 and

Patrician Bros, Fairfield 2/5-2/3.

Despite their awesome potential they meet a team that is in no way deterred by them and that makes

Red Bend, Forbes 3-2xt; Parkes 2-1; Young 3-0; Broken Hill 3-1 in the Western Area (14) final (a report on this

The team played and defeated in turn Tempe High, Kogarah High, De la Salle Revesby, Condell Park High and James Cook Boys' High. This made the KNHS team the winners of Sydney Area 11 in the competition.

In the pre-quarter finals the team met Patrician Brothers Fairfield and in a tight hard game were beaten 3-0.

KNHS has entered the CBBT competition for the last nine years and this has been the furthest the school has progressed.

After last year's strong showing and this year's result KNHS is now a respected force in soccer in the area. This should continue next year with the soccer talent being shown in the junior teams.



KINGSGROVE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL: 1990 Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup: Front row: 1 to 18: J. Athoussakis, D. Hatzigeorgalis, J. Gouskos, H. Danilidis, G. Manuli (caps), A. Zafiris, T. Glekas, H. Kouklidis. REAR: D. Clark (coach), C. Psaralagos (v. capt), B. Stamoulis, J. Markopoulos, N. Mayradis, B. Tsopanas, L. Zygouras, G. Mamolis, A. Markopoulos, N. Valsamis.

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MELBOURNE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 1990

VENUE: Deny Park, Brighton

GROUND 1

10.00am NT v QLD (BOYS)

11.40am WA v VIC (GIRLS)

1.20pm

2.00pm WA v VIC (BOYS)

BYE: ACT

GROUND 2

NSW v SA (BOYS)

NSW v SA (GIRLS)

OPENING CEREMONY

NT v QLD (GIRLS)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1990

VENUE: Deny Park, Brighton

GROUND 1

9.30am SA v ACT (BOYS)

11.10am VIC v NT (BOYS)

12.50pm ACT v WA (GIRLS)

2.30pm ACT v WA (BOYS)

GROUND 2

SA v ACT (GIRLS)

QLD v NSW (BOYS)

QLD v NSW (GIRLS)

VIC v NT (GIRLS)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1990

VENUE: Dendy Park, Brighton

GROUND 1

9.30am QLD v VIC (BOYS)

11.10am WA v SA (BOYS)

12.50pm WA v SA (GIRLS)

2.30pm ACT v QLD (BOYS)

GROUND 2

QLD v VIC (GIRLS)

NSW v NT (GIRLS)

NSW v NT (BOYS)

ACT v QLD (GIRLS)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1990

VENUE: Dendy Park, Brighton

GROUND 1

9.30am NT v ACT (GIRLS)

11.10am VIC v NSW (GIRLS)

12.50pm VIC v NSW (BOYS)

2.30pm SA v NT (BOYS)

GROUND 2

NT v ACT (BOYS)

QLD v WA (GIRLS)

QLD v WA (BOYS)

SA v NT (GIRLS)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1990

VENUE: Dendy Park, Brighton

GROUND 1

9.30am VIC v SA (GIRLS)

11.10am ACT v NSW (BOYS)

12.50pm ACT v NSW (GIRLS)

GROUND 2

VIC v SA (BOYS)

WA v NT (BOYS)

WA v NT (GIRLS)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1990

VENUE: Dendy Park, Brighton

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9.30am ACT v VIC (GIRLS)

11.10am QLD v SA (BOYS)

1.15pm

2.00pm

GROUND 2

QLD v SA (GIRLS)

VIC v ACT (BOYS)

GROUND 3

NSW v WA (BOYS)

NSW v WA (GIRLS)

CLOSING CEREMONY

TEAMS DEPART FOR AIRPORT

NSW squads for the 1990 Australian Schools Championships in Melbourne

BOYS SQUAD

John Bowles (Blacktown Boys, Marconi)
Steve Tyerman (Baulkham Hills, Blacktown)
Hayden Begbie (Mitchell, Blacktown City)
Zoran Mataski (Port Kembla, Wollongong Macedonia)

Jason Sultana (Mitchell, Blacktown City)
Michel Reda (Kogarah, Apia)
Micheal Mustano (Wade, Hanwood)
Adam Whan (Colo, Marconi)
Shane Jarvis (Marsden, St George)
Tröy Halpin (West Wallsend, Austral)
Al Senor (Mitchell, Southern Districts)
Remy Galloway (Dulwich, Fairfield)
David Widders (Duval, Armidale)
Pablo Cardoza (Enmore, Sydney Olympic)
Peter Tsekenis (Dulwich, St George)
Robert Graskovski (Port Kembla, Wollongong City)

GIRLS SQUAD

B.Hermial (Murray, Melrose Pk.)
Stephanie Kite (Picton, Illawarra)
Kristia Bourke (Springwood, Melita Eagles)
Charmaine Potter (Griffith)
Cheryl Salisbury (Lambton, Lambton)
Heloise Gibb (James Ruse, Gladesville Rovers)
Megan Cotton (James Ruse, Gladesville Rovers)
Justine Fisher (Woollooware, Liverpool Olympic)
Michele Praten (Raymond Terrace, Raymond Terrace)
Bridgette Starr (Rutherford, Weston)
Elizabeth Cotton (James Ruse, Gladesville Rovers)
Denise Benetis (Kingsgrove, Eastwood)
Jayne Balzan (Northmead, Melita Eagles)
Tracey Chapman (Mt View)
Joanne Powell (Sth Grafton, South Services)
Amanda Patterson (Caringah, Cronulla RSL)

the semi-final all the more interesting.

Westerners

The fourth semi-finalist in this year's Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup comes from over the mountains.

No one, except themselves, maybe, gave Lithgow High the slightest mention as a potential semi-finalist.

But they kept on winning and as things stand today they appear to have as good a chance as the other three sides, to take out the series.

Lithgow's record is: Round One — bye;

game played at night in Broken Hill has been delayed); Christian Bros. Lewisham 1-0 and Albury North 3-1.

After the quarter-final win over Albury North an extremely excited coach Alan Groth rang Newcastle with the message "Tell Bill Turner ... I'm coming home".

Alan comes from Newcastle and was captain of the Wall-send team that won the 1974 Tasman Cup, now the Commonwealth Bank open grade CHS soccer cup.

With good weather, the 1990 final series is set to be the best ever.

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NSL clubs to join schools program

THE NSWASF's schools program will receive the added boost of high profile players from NSL clubs during the summer season.

This will allow a continuation of the highly successful school visits, together with a much needed promotion of the NSL and its players.

While many associations and clubs have finished their competitions, their involvement as spectators and supporters of soccer is only just beginning.

With the competition beginning in early October NSL clubs will have an opportunity to visit the schools in their local area and spread the message of the upcoming season.

The Southern Districts Soccer Association will be the first to gain benefits from this co-ordinated approach.

Marconi players will assist in the visits from October 8th to 19th and will cover nearly 20 schools in this two week period.

This will overlap with rounds 2 and 3 of the NSL season.

Primary schools

The standard of soccer in country primary schools seems to be in great shape.

The recent finals of the Mitre Cup saw the clash of the 1988 and 1989 winners in a match between Bomaderry and Goonellabah.

The South Coast — Lismore game was a fitting conclusion to the state-wide competition and was won narrowly by the Goonellabah outfit 1-0.

They were a well organised show with several players exhibiting an excellent understanding.

The crucial goal, a well placed 15 metre drive, was scored with only five minutes remaining.

GyMEA Bay

GyMEA Bay Primary School's future sports stars scored an opportunity of a lifetime when high profile players from the National Soccer League paid a visit last week.

Socceroos Jean Paul de Marigny, Robert Wheatley and Australian women's team member Anissa Tann visited schools in the Sutherland Soccer Association's area last week.

They put the students through an intensive 80 minute

lesson on the basics of soccer.

There was a high emphasis on skills which the younger players really appreciated.

Promotions and Development Officer Robert Wheatley believes everyone is a winner with the visits.

The players were most appreciative of

The Robert Wheatley column



BELOW: Socceroo and Marconi star Jean-Paul de Marigny and Australian women's team speedster Anissa Tann with a group of keen young soccer players at a school in Sutherland Shire, Australia's biggest soccer nursery.

• Getting the feel of the football, whilst other youngsters play in the background at a school visit organised by NSW Amateurs Development officer Robert Wheatley.



MARCONI U/12: Matthew Reberger, Con Anagnostos, Jamie Vassallo, Brad Choyce, Robert Simone, Simon Jenkins, Wayne Spiteri, Adam Flynn, Petar Krljar, Allan Cetnic, Andrew Fajardo, Ruben Hidalgo. Coach: Nick Froio. Manager: Jane Choyce. Pic: H. CARRASCO.



MARCONI U/14: Leslie Pogliacom, David Dalfonso, Steven Tesaro, Adam Boscutti, Campbell Clout, Paul Battisti, Nick Markovski, Luke Allshorn, Po Li Qui, Patrick Munoz, Adam Moore, Marc Hoensellars, Mauricio Islas, Mark Holdsworth, Paul Garcia, Cesar Cueva, Paul Logan. Coach: Robert Tolomeo. Manager: Pic: H. CARRASCO.



MARCONI U/15: Richard Artesi, Nick Cal, Gianni Campos, Davie Gonzalez, Darren Iocca, Attilio Labbazetta, Pat Marando, Paul Mezzanotte, Charles Morales, Richard Munoz, Anthony Oliva, Carlos Padilla, Jason Tigani, Anthony Vicano, Reg Younan. Pic: H. CARRASCO.



ROCKDALE UNDER 15 YOUTH LEAGUE: P Herrick, G Carovski, K Boskovski, D Georgiovski, S Golovodovski, T Dimavoski, P Haumovski, J Petrovski, D Petrovski, R Bardetta, J MacDonald, N Martino, V Shak, S Giesen. Coach B Pilovski, mgr L Golovodovski, V Nikolovski.



the visit and demonstrated a real desire to learn from the current stars in the game.

Other schools that were visited included Grays Point, Bundeena, Lilli Pilli, Kareela, Como West, Woronora River, Bonnett Bay, Yarrawarrah, Sylvania, GyMEA, Buraneer Bay and Loftus Primary Schools.

We will soon have photographs of the visit, which will show the enthusiasm with which they were received.

STARS FOR BLACKTOWN

Brad Maloney made an exceptional start with Blacktown City in the NSW State League. He scored in his debut and in each of the following two games. Stan Suman has shaped up well, and is showing the class of football which is consistent with his ability.

☆ WE want to expand our team photographs; suburban and Youth League, city and country, NSW and all states.

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KU-RING-GAI AND DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION INC.



Applications are invited for the positions of coaches for this Association for the 1991 season.

Coaches are required for the Metropolitan and Youth League teams U/11, U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/17.

• Would suitable qualified and interested persons please apply in writing stating qualifications and experience to the K.D.S.A. Secretary, P.O. Box 147 Wahroonga, 2076.

• All successful applicants will be working with our Director of Coaching Mr Vic Dalgleish.

• Applications close on the August 31, 1990.

All aboard for the Champion of Champions

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE 1990 NSW Champion of Champions series kicks off on Sunday at venues widely spread throughout the state.

The grades involved are under 9, 10, 11, 12,

13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21 and all-age, making the Champion of Champions a competition unique in NSW sport for its breadth of cover.

This year the NSW Women's State Cup will also be conducted in under 17 and all-age

grades, but these ties will not commence until September 16.

To illustrate the state-wide cover, the all age first round includes matches on the Southern Highlands, South Coast, South Western Slopes and Mid North Coast.

Again, with the

under 9 group, matches are to be played in the Riverina, Hunter Valley, North Coast and down the South Coast, and so on it goes.

Subsequent rounds are played every second weekend, until the finals take place on October 28.

Grand Finals Mitre Metro Reps and Umbro Youth League

Saturday September 1

Gabbie Stadium, Seven Hills

HUGE crowds are expected to witness the 1990 finals.

Some of the Australia's best youth will be on show.

Two of the very top games feature Blacktown City and St George in under 13 at 1.35pm, and Sydney Croatia and Sydney Olympic at 5pm.

Excellent facilities are available at the Gabbie Stadium, the home of the Blacktown City club. The ground has recently been upgraded, and a new floodlighting system and grandstand added.

10.00am U11 Nepean v St George

11.45am U12 Canterbury v Gladesville

1.35pm U13 Blacktown City v St George

3.15pm U14 St George v Sydney Olympic

5pm U15 Sydney Croatia v Sydney

Leeton and Goonellabah take Mitre Shields

THE NSW Primary Schools Mitre Shield Girls Final was an exciting game between Leeton (Riverina) and Niagara Park (Central Coast) which despite being 0-0 at half time ended up 3-0 to Leeton.

Leeton's second half dominance was due solely to a left footed wizard Joanne Peters, who played at outside left, captained the team and scored a hat-trick of professionally taken goals in the second half.

Joanne Peters was immediately identified by State Director of Coaching, David Lee, for future Talented Child Programs.

Allison Worth, playing up front, shone for the losers, despite being only ten years of age and receiving very few opportunities.

The boys Mitre Shield Final four for the first time in memory was an all country affair.

Bomaderry defeating Dubbo South 1-0 in one semi, while Goonellabah (Lismore) comfortably defeated Barnsley 3-1 in the other semi-final.

Goonellabah took the trophy for the second consecutive year by defeating Bomaderry 1-0 in the final.

They are coached by teacher, Steve Rolison who is an ex Kuring-gai player of the 'seventies.

It was probably the best exhibition of primary school football that has been played for a long time.

The boys passed accurately, supported well and played a lot of two touch football.

Rodney Mallan, Chris Edwards and Damian Keever performed well for the victors.

The side was obviously well coached.

Five of the boys represented North Coast in the recent State Championships where they finished a creditable third.

Olympic 7pm U17 Blacktown City v Sydney Croatia

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

U13: Blacktown City v Macarthur 3-0, U14: St George v Marconi 2-0, U15: St George v Croatia 0-1, U17: Manly v Blacktown City 1-2.

U13: St George v Stn Branch 3-2, U14: Sydney Olympic v Warringah 3-0, U15: Sydney Olympic v Stn

& Eastern 3-0, U17: Marconi v Croatia 0-1.

GRAND FINAL

U13: Blacktown City v St George 1.35pm, U14: St George v Sydney Olympic 3.15pm, U15: Croatia v Sydney Olympic 5pm, U17: Blacktown City v Croatia 7pm.

REMEMBER — AT GABBIE STADIUM 1st SEPT

Combined Catholic Colleges Cup McCarthy v De La Salle Ashfield

McCarthy Senior High School of Emu Plains and De La Salle College Ashfield have fought their way through to the CCC Cup Final for 1990.

Dogged by washouts of the planned double-header semi-finals, the convenor resorted to separate venues to ensure that the games could be played with minimal disruption prior to trial HSC exams.

McCarthy, winners of the Western Division, had an emphatic 4-1 victory over the Southern Division winners John Therry High School from Campbelltown, to become favourites for the 1990 title.

In the other semi-final De La Salle travelled to Maitland to take on the widely tipped St Peters' High School.

Even the journey was an epic struggle.

It took 3½ hours as a result of detours to avoid flooded roads!

St Peters gave De La Salle a hot welcome on the field and probably shaded Ashfield over normal time despite the 0-0 scoreline.

Ashfield fought back throughout extra-time which finished 1-1.

They got their reward in the penalty shoot-out which finished 4-3 in Ashfield's favour.

It was the type of game that neither side deserved to lose and both schools should be proud of their student's efforts.

The cup final is scheduled to 6.30pm on Monday 3rd September at Poppendetta Park, Mt Druitt.

Our thanks go again to the executive of Mt Druitt Town for their support of schools soccer.

— FROM J BULMER

COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP FINALS

CONVINCING wins by Figtree, in the boys section, and Bass, in the girls, sees both these teams play in the finals of the 1990 Commonwealth Bank Cup.

Their opponents in the upcoming matches will be Hurstville Boys and the Sydney Girls High School James Ruse.

Hurstville Boys, last year's champions, will face a formidable

opposition in their South Coast rivals who defeated Dulwich — considered to have been the most impressive in the tournament so far, 3-0 in the semi final.

Bass after trouncing last years finalists, Glendale, 6-0 in their semi-final will face James Ruse who also appeared in last year's final.

ASW apologises for the unavailability of dates and locations for the finals.

— DAVID SMEDLEY

DARCY PURAC COACHING WINNERS

SPORTSFORCE INTERNATIONAL

HERE are the four lucky winners in the Dusan Purac coaching competition, conducted by Sportsforce International.

The four each correctly named West Germany as the winners of the 1990 World Cup, and then were lucky enough to be drawn out of the barrel with all the other entrants who correctly named West Germany.

Each of the winners receives a month's free coaching at the highly acclaimed "Brazilian Soccer Coaching School" at Manly Vale.

The four winners are: Paul Battisti, Tony Battisti (Baulkham Hills), David Halloran (Gordon), Conrad Milne (Ettalong).

Congratulations to the lucky winners and thanks to all the readers who entered the competition.

A few places are still available at the coaching clinics which are held at Millers Reserve, Manly Vale at 6pm on Fridays.

Just turn up or call Mark Blythe at Sportsforce on 410 9819 for more information.

COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP AND SHIELD

Semi-finals, finals looming

FROM RON PRATT

IN reaching the semi-final stage of the prestigious KO competition, three of last year's finalists are vying for positions at this year's cup final night.

Last year's boys winners Hurstville play Umina from the Central Coast.

Both teams have had convincing wins throughout the competition.

Umina were more recently 3-0 winners over North Coast champions Wauchope, and Hurstville by a solitary goal over the strong Westfields squad from Sydney's Southwest.

Dulwich continued their 'cleansheet' with a close 1-0 victory over the dogged Blacktown Boys squad led by keeper John Bowles, gaining the winner from a Remyle Galloway penalty.

Both Galloway and St George apprentice, Peter Tsekenis have starred for Dulwich and their encounter against Wollongong's Figtree should be quite memorable.

Figtree downed a quality team in Fairvale in the quarter finals.

This game was dominated by Figtree goalkeeper Michael Rowley who picked up man-of-the match honours.

The girls competition has proved equally interesting with last year's winner James Ruse and runner-up Glendale both getting semi-finals berth.

James Ruse's 'twin' strikers of Elizabeth and Megan Cotton are proving difficult opponents for opposition defences as well as being backed up by State Youth and CHS representative Heloise Gibb.

Glendale Technical High School have been particularly impressive in their run into the finals.

Led by captain and Hunter representative Belinda Stobbart and Kristy Feighan, who has picked up goals in their wins, this year's final could well be a repeat of 1989's.

Certainly, Shoalhaven's effort in getting to the last four as well as Bass with recent wins of 2-0 and 5-1 cannot be discounted.

As with past years both the boys and girls competitions have yielded over 600 teams.

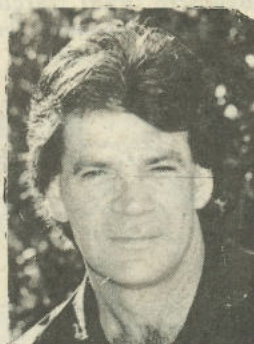
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ty claim denied, and then lost to a penalty when Voller blatantly dived.

They had Monzon dismissed when Klinsmann certainly made the most of a bad challenge, and then Dezotti was sent-off for a minor offence committed some 50 yards from Codesal.

To praise the referee in such circumstances is strange indeed: to sneer "Maradona predictably complaining" after Monzon went in to rub salt in a wound: to raise no doubts about the penalty (check your vid — Motty wasn't interested) is sheer bias. To suggest FIFA ban Argentina is hysteria.

What I caught on ITV showed how grotesque Motson's attitude was. Moore and Atkinson (an unlikely role model!) were highly critical of German tactics (and refereeing standards); typified by Ron's quip after Lineker collected the Fair Play award: "I've just seen Gary shake hands with Klinsmann. It's a wonder he didn't fall down." Quite.



Violence

After the semi, a wave of nationalistic violence swept the country (as it did on a smaller scale after Cameroon).

Similar scenes in Germany after the final lend weight to the belief that such outbreaks had little to do with defeat but were a normal characteristic of nationalism aroused.

The philistine consequences were demonstrated on a different level in the way an immature, inarticulate youth was elevated as the epitome of English manhood — less for his football than for his attitude and demeanour.

Football heroes for people who don't like football?

The thought remains that football in England has been retarded rather than advanced by England's success in the

competition.

The public might have watched the beautiful game, but only to the accompaniment of bombast, bile and ignorance.

As the 'Crusade' progressed, no wonder its spokesmen on TV acted with the egotism customary of Leaders of the Nation, whether it be Jimmy Hill's mad reforms (all fouls to be penalties, draws to be decided on foul-count) or Barry Davies' permanent tone of condemnation ("flamboyance gone mad!" he complained of one Colombian back-heel).

You want nationalism, you get leadership and loyalty. And no questions asked.

Have you noticed how long all these people have been there?

Have you noticed how false their debates are, how narrow their areas of disagreement?

If we want some different values, we're going to need some different people.

The nation speaks with one voice, and the many voices of ordinary people are smothered.

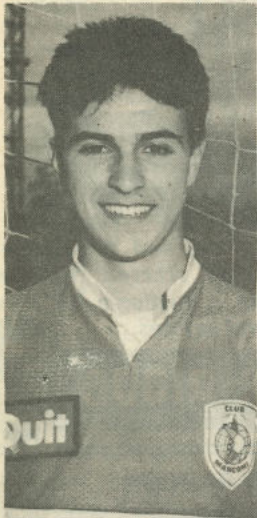
The solution is surely in your hands.

Why don't you switch off your television sets, and go and do something about it instead?

Bringing up Joeys — not a numbers' game!

BY WALTER DE STE CROIX*

IT often happens that human activities progress best in early years, then stagnate until a new input gives things fresh momentum.



PAUL OKON

This has been the case with Australian soccer, one hundred years young and never more progressive than since post-war immigration led to new skills, new tactics and new organisation distilled from the Continental and British experiences of the game.

The latest input, however, has been essentially Australian — the recruiting and training of very young players, some even as young as four years of age, and the providing of a competitive framework for them within District Associations.

This has led to intensive coaching and serious matches for many of these primary-school children in the 1960s surely a world first!

well-coached and very competitive Leagues such as the Sydney Umbro Youth League, their ball skills and tactical play are usually well advanced with the exceptions of finishing and role flexibility between attack and defence.

As weekend courses and coaching videos proliferate, even higher standards in junior representative football could be expected to follow.

Despite the 'tyranny of distance' Country standards are not far behind Metropolitan achievements.

But... all is not well with Australian junior soccer.

a) As more and more five-year-olds join the ranks of 'registered players', fewer are playing beyond the age of twelve.

In one of Sydney's largest Districts the numbers of five and six-year-olds increased from 920 in 1981 to 1144 in 1989, whereas the numbers of fourteen — to seventeen-year-olds decreased in the same period from 754 to 338.

The ratio of High School age players to beginners in under 6s and 7s in the District thus fell from 41% in 1981 to 15% in 1989, and is declining every year.

b) This drop-off causes inadequate competitions for high-school boys —

competitions for fifteen to eighteen-year-olds barely exist.

c) This leads on to a weakness in All Age recruitment.

Despite soccer's greater participation rate in most States compared with other football codes, one can say with certainty that two and three times as many youths and adults could and should enjoy competition soccer every winter weekend, considering the large numbers of keen ten-year-olds.

I suspect three major factors of producing the early stage of the decline in soccer juniors' numbers. They are:

1) The enthusiasm of both children and their parents for formal games evaporates after six or seven years of District Saturday soccer, playing against much the same opponents, at much the same grounds, under much the same coaches.

2) 'Through ball' attack, the standard approach from age seven to age twelve, is seen not to be 'real soccer' though it still pays dividends in winning games with little goalkeepers in yawning goals at the ends of the wide-open spaces of large grounds, and

3) the average amateur coach doesn't know what to do about it.

*** W. de Ste Croix had a long association with youth soccer in Sydney. He now lives on a property near Orange NSW, (RMB 25, Cargo Rd, Orange 2800).**

There have, of course, been excesses.

I recall finding a uniformed, booted, three-year-old player in the 70s

He had little idea of what was going on, as his mother cheerfully admitted.

I saw, and still see, seven-year-olds playing mini Cup finals, sometimes with the 'referee' doing everything for his team short of tackling and passing.

These excesses have for the most part been rectified and it is accepted that games for the youngest players should be small-sided, on sensible scaled-down pitches.

Australia's present international standing, the respect with which our Joeys and Young Socceroos and Soccer-ooos are viewed at top level, owes much to coaches and administrators in the districts.

By the time selected youngsters enter the



Aussie kids — as talented as any in the World.

divisions consist of six or seven teams instead of ten, and not enough divisions can be run to keep matches from being one-sided.

The competitions for the older boys compare very badly with the competitions for ten and eleven-year-olds. In some country areas

No shortcuts in junior coaching

BY BARRY DAVIS*

COACHING junior players is the most difficult of the tasks in the game. However, it can also be the most enjoyable and rewarding experience in one's lifetime.

Young players have so very much to learn about how to perform the various techniques and how to use them in match situations that it is sometimes difficult for a coach to know where to begin.

The simple answer in such situations is to start with the basics and then gradually increase the challenge for the players until they are able to perform 'automatically' — that is, perform the technique and think about what they will do next.

There are several definite steps in technical development and there are NO shortcuts, despite what you may have read or heard.

The only way to teach and improve the techniques involves the gradual introduction of increasingly more difficult challenges for the players and there must be a pattern which involves many hours of repetitive practice.

The first step is to teach the players about the technique by explaining what it is used for and then providing good quality demonstrations so they will have a clear idea of what it looks like.

The second step is to provide time for players to practice the movements without the ball.

They will quickly learn what the technique feels like and you will have a chance to correct errors.

The third step is to introduce the ball. Now the players will be able to combine the mental picture they have with the feel of the movements which they have developed to produce something real — playing the ball.

You will have plenty of opportunity to correct errors here.

You must constantly remind them of the lessons they have already learned.

It is important that they do not have a real target at this stage of development, simply performing with the ball should be enough for the moment.

The fourth step is to introduce a target.

This can be a player if they are kicking or heading, a very small area if they are receiving, and a straight line if they are dribbling.

Now you will have a good many chances to refine their ability to perform and so help them to reach the target.

The fifth step is to increase the distance.

This is very important for kicking, heading and receiving. For heading and kicking, playing the ball to a target some distance away helps them to develop power, and receiving a ball served from some distance helps to improve their touch.

Increases in distances must be graded or players will lose confidence.

The sixth step is to increase the speed of

the performance.

The quicker the performance, the greater the effectiveness of the players.

There are several methods which you can use to gradually increase the speed and they are (in order):

(a) pressure training (a rapid sequence of balls)

(b) competitive work (repetitions performed to beat another player or the clock)

(c) passive opponent (who provides minor interference but no challenge)

The seventh step is to introduce reality. In other words, the player must perform despite a realistic challenge from another player. How the player must perform as he would in a match.

The final stage is to

show the player how to use the technique correctly in match situations.

This will further increase his effectiveness.

Those eight steps need to be followed for the development of every technique to ensure complete learning by the player.

They are time consuming but they are definitely worth the effort — for you and the players.

They will be far better for the work and you will gain enormous satisfaction from watching and helping them to improve.

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PERSONALITY PLAYER

TOM GOLOVODOVSKI
(Sydney Macedonia)



NAME: Tom Golovodovski
CLUB: Sydney Macedonia
BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Sydney 3/4/71
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 183cm, 80kg
MARRIED: No
HOME: Penshurst
NICKNAME: None
CAR: Ford
OCCUPATION: Student
PREVIOUS CLUB: Rockdale Ilinden
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Everton, Vardar Skopje
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Shilton, Southall and Dassayev.
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Zlatko Nastevski
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All are difficult
FAVOURITE GROUND: St. George Stadium
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: Commonwealth Bank Cup area final 1986 Vs Dulwich Hill — saved three penalties
BIGGEST THRILL: Making first grade debut in Challenge Cup Final 1990 Vs Canberra Croatia
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Allowing easy goals, also losing 1990 Challenge Cup Final
WORST INJURY: None yet (Touch wood)
FAVOURITE POSITION: Goalkeeper
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: rugby league, golf, tennis
FAVOURITE FOOD: Lasagna and anything mum cooks
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Midnight Oil and Top 40
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Most sports programmes and comedies
BEST FRIEND: Too many to single out
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Dad, family and most coaches
AMBITIONS: To play as long as I can at the highest possible level
— compiled by **SIMON GOLOVODOVSKI**

SOUTH AMERICAN SCENE

with MARIO ETCHART

EIGHT teams representing Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador and Paraguay are engaged in the Copa Libertadores quarter-finals, the second leg of which takes place today (Wednesday).

Chile's Universidad Catolica, under the guidance of former Chilean international Ignacio Prieto, will meet Paraguayan champions Olimpia, coached by ex-Uruguayan great Luis Cubilla.

The Paraguayans are strong and very physical, but their technique is limited.

In a competition that produced mediocre football in the early rounds, Prieto, through intensive training, has brought his Chilean side into contention with stylish football.

Argentina's River Plate and Independiente, who are meeting in one quarter-final, are great competitors.

Their record in the competition is outstanding and when the 'Millionaires' and the 'Red Devils' meet, their clashes are always memorable.

Independiente, seven times winners of the Libertadores, rely on the talents of midfielders Ricardo Bochini and Ricardo Giusti, while River, coached by Daniel Passarella, will attempt to regain the trophy they last won three years ago.

In the third quarter-final tie, two Ecuadoran teams are face to face.

Barcelona and Emelec are playing for a spot in the semis for the first time in the competition's history.

Barcelona, coached by Argentine Miguel Brindisi, eliminated Uruguayan champions Progreso in an earlier round.

The Ecuadoran champions have two brilliant and creative players in ex-Argentine international midfielder Marcelo Trobbiani and

Uruguayan Toyota Cup winner (with Penarol) Mario Saralegui.

The final tie is between cup holders Atletico Nacional, of Colombia, and Brazil's Vasco de Gama.

No Brazilian team has won the Libertadores since 1981 and Vasco, after drawing at home last week, may be hard pressed to eliminate Rene Higuita's side when they meet today in Medellin.

Vasco last weekend appointed former Brazilian World Cup coach Mario Zagallo while Nacional no longer have Francisco Maturana at the helm.

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European Super League still a possibility

IF the big clubs get their way — and they usually do — then the present format of the European Cup will be drastically changed to pave the way for a European League to start around 1993.

Top clubs such as Real Madrid and Milan in particular, are said to be behind the project because they are fed up with playing the minnows and not earning enough money, or being drawn against other super teams in the early rounds and suffering the indignity of a premature exit.



REAL MADRID

Apparently UEFA, in principle are opposed to any plan which could prove detrimental to the small clubs, are now resigned to a new formula and even the formation of a European league.

One initial proposal was to divide the 32 national league champions and 32 cup winners (or those qualified), into eight groups of four, each one headed by a seeded club.

They would play each other home and away in these sections with the winners advancing into the quarter-finals; from then on the tournament would continue on a normal cup basis.

The prime mover is Real Madrid's president Ramon Mendoza who is upset because his club have been paired in recent early rounds with Napoli and Milan.

The project has the backing of Milan president Silvio Berlusconi, perhaps the most influential man in Italy.

This media-czar can see extraordinary earnings potential from the additional group matches and the guaranteed clashes between the best

teams in the latter stages.

From such a new structure, and after a trial period, a European league would eventually be born.

The general secretary of UEFA, Gerd Aigner is not keen on the project, but he realises that money will in the end prove the irresistible bait for the vast majority of the clubs.

Knowing the groupings well in advance would help clubs sell television rights and clinch all the advertising, promotion and sponsorship deals.

Berlusconi, who employs 26,000 people and boasts a budget of \$1.7 billion last year instructed his associate company Fininvest to secure, from 70 clubs all over Europe, provisional TV rights for a total of \$6 million — without knowing who would play whom.

When the last season's European draw was made the opponents of Italian clubs had already been signed up.

Matches like HJK Helsinki v AC Milan, Sporting Lisbon v Napoli and Spartak Moscow v Atalanta Ber-



PSV EINDHOVEN

gamo were thus "secured" for Berlusconi's TV channels serving some 35 million Italian viewers, while the state TV station RAI was left with none.

While those three clubs, who received Italian rivals, were paid



SILVIO BERLUSCONI

\$78,000 each, the remaining 67 clubs (not Italian opponents), each collected \$15,000 without having to make any effort at all.

UEFA has advised clubs that any initiative on re-structuring must come from the national FAs. Already support has come from Holland.



MILAN

Jacques Ruts, the president of PSV Eindhoven, but speaking also for Ajax, Feyenoord and Twente, wants the Dutch representative with UEFA to put forward the new

ideas to the European Union's Executive Committee.

Now Aigner is admitting that by 1995 the European Cup may have a different format.

He is worried that the smaller clubs and others from Russia and Scandinavia, who are handicapped by the long winter break and usually



HJK

lose money from the early rounds in Europe, will object to any changes.

UEFA already operate a fund specially for clubs losing money.

They can be compensated by claiming up to 60 per cent of their deficit which is covered by UEFA, who estimate the costs of this operation at \$1 million a year.

But the big boys have thought of that too.

They will donate 20 per cent of the overall profits to help the minnows.

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GREEK COURT BATTLE

BEFORE the start of the new Greek season arch rivals Panathinaikos and Olympiakos were battling it out — not on the pitch but in courts.

The burning issue involved former Olympiakos midfielder Stratos Apostolakis who signed to play with Panathinaikos at the end of 1989-1990 season as he was a free agent.

But Olympiakos claimed he signed for Panathinaikos while he was still playing for them, well before he became a free agent.

Apostolakis and Panathinaikos deny the charges and it will be up to the judge to come through with the answer.

'I waited until June 15 for Olympiakos to make an offer. They didn't. Thus I was free to choose whatever team I wished,' Apostolakis says.

The former teammates of Apostolakis at Olympiakos testified against Apostolakis before the judge.

Nikos Anastopoulos and Tassos Mitropoulos, also teammates of Apostolakis in the national team, said he

signed before June 15.

Some 3,500 Olympiakos fans marched outside Parliament in Athens to protest against Panathinaikos for taking away 'illegally' Apostolakis and for general ill-treatment of Olympiakos by sports authorities.

Panathinaikos president George Vardinoyannis, besides adding Apostolakis, has also picked up Romanian star Danut Lupu from Dinamo Bucharest this season to add to his other players who last season won the Greek championship. He said the aim this season is to excel in Europe as well as winning the championship once again.

Pana's championship-winning star was Poland's Krzysztof Warzycha, who scored 14 goals under the managerial guidance of Bulgarian Hristo Bonev.

Olympiakos have sold Hungarian star Lajos Detari to Italy's Bologna. New coach is ex-Soviet star Oleg Blokhin.

One other World Cup hero to make it to Greece is Egyptian star scorer Hossam Hassan who signed a three-year contract with PAOK of Salonica.

DUTCH TRICK

DUTCH football is still mourning the World Cup, such a disaster for Holland.

Only two Dutchmen profited from the tournament: two students named Peter Vogel and Ronald Moray.

The two are conjurers in their spare time, and this summer performed a trick which had the whole nation gaping at wonder for a month.

Before the World Cup they wrote down their predictions for all matches in Group F, the group containing Holland.

When their predictions were read out on national TV, after the group matches were over the two were found to have been right every time.

Then, on June 22, they predicted the result of the World Cup final.

They locked the piece of paper in a metal box which they gave to an official notary.

They insisted that he unlock the box after the final, claiming that if their prediction became known beforehand it would affect the result.

Minutes after West Germany had beaten Argentina 1-0, the notary opening the box on TV.

Again the prediction was correct.

The Dutch are too sceptical to believe in magic, but nobody can explain the successful predictions.

Vogel and Moray claim that it is no conjuring trick but refuse to reveal their secret.

Whatever the secret it is highly lucrative: an American TV station has invited them to forecast the result of the Superbowl.

NYILASI COACHES "FRADI"

FERENCVAROS have appointed Tibor Nyilasi, one of their finest players, as coach for a three-year term after the infusion of capital into the club by a Frenchman, M. Bras.

He sought to take over the football section of the multi-sports club, in the densely-populated, ninth, district of the capital, but the club's presidium refused.

The financial backing, of an undisclosed amount, became dependent on Nyilasi being appointed.

Florian Albert, Nyilasi's alter ego, and Gyula Rakosi, guided the team through another improved season even if Fradi did not challenge for the title, can take a well-deserved bow.



Frank Sauzee (France), left, and Yugoslavia's Srecko Katanec. France started their international season with a mediocre 0-0 draw with Poland in Paris.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER

- Promoted Sunderland have turned their attention to Bradford defender Brian Mitchell after Arsenal rejected their moves for Steve Bould. The 26-year-old former Aberdeen defender has just turned down a new contract at Bradford and insists he will not be going down to the Third Division.
- Rene Higuita has won a house worth \$70,000 for being chosen Colombia's best player at Italia '90. Higuita, incidentally, is likely to join Valladolid of Spain.
- Romanian international striker Rodion Camataru has renewed his contract with Belgium's Charleroi for one more season.
- Algerian superstar Rabah Madjer will stay with Porto for another season. A proposed transfer to Spain's Malaga has fallen through.
- Dr Tony O'Neill has resigned as secretary-general of the Irish Federation.
- A poll of Irish sports writers voted Paul McGrath Ireland's best player in the World Cup.
- Brazilian libero Andre Cruz is to have trials with Anderlecht of Belgium.
- Standard Liege, of Belgium, have signed Yugoslav international Zoran Vulic.
- Rumour has it that former Italian national team supremo Enzo Bearzot may soon become president of Second Division Udinese.
- Rio club Flamengo have exchanged fullback Leonardo and striker Alcindo for Sao Paulo's Brazilian internationals Nelsinho and Bobo.
- Chilean international Francisco Ugarte has been transferred from Belgium's Charleroi to Greek side Ioannina.
- Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff has announced that any of his players who speak to the press without his authorisation will be fined \$2,500 this coming season.
- Cameroun's veteran World Cup goalkeeper Thomas Nkono has been let go by his Spanish club Espanol, of Barcelona.
- Costa Rica's brilliant World Cup forward Hernan Medford has signed with Dinamo Zagreb but West Germany's Schalke 04 consider they have first claim on him.
- The Polish Federation has scrapped its unique format that gave a bonus point to teams that scored three-goal wins.
- Brazilian international defender Aloisio has been transferred from Barcelona to Porto to replace Belgian international Stephane Demol, who has moved to French club Toulouse.
- Norwegian international striker Jorn Andersen has moved from Eintracht Frankfurt to another West Germany Bundesliga side, Fortuna Dusseldorf.
- Yugoslav defender Zoran Vujovic has been transferred from First Division French club Cannes to Division Three outfit Vallauris.
- Arsenal central striker Kevin Richardson has signed for Real Sociedad. He will team up John Aldridge in the Spanish club's attack.
- Ahmed Shoubeir, the Egyptian international goalkeeper, will complete a move to English First Division club Everton for a fee of around half-a-million dollars, his club National Al-Ahly reported this week.
- Rachidi Yekini, the Nigerian international striker, has joined Portuguese First Division club Vitoria Setubal from Africa Sports of Abidjan for an undisclosed fee. Yekini, who has spent three seasons in the Ivory Coast, has signed a two-year contract.
- Coventry boss John Sillett is lining up a bid for Leyton Orient's 23-year-old midfielder Lee Harvey, a former England youth international.



Dutch ace Wim Kieft — now with Bordeaux in France.

New German supremo

Berti Vogts in charge

BY ARTHUR ROTHMIL*

THE career of Berti Vogts, one of the finest defenders West German football has ever produced, has now reached a glorious climax.

Immediately after the World Cup he took over as arranged from one of his former international partners, Franz Beckenbauer, as national manager.

Curiously enough, he had also succeeded Beckenbauer as national captain in 1977.

Yet Vogts was never Beckenbauer's managerial assistant.

He has been employed by the DFB (FA) for the past 11 years and until now was in charge of the under-21s as well as all representative teams at various junior levels.

Beckenbauer's assistant was for the past two years Holger Osieck, who like his boss is also standing down — he is taking over as team manager at Schalke.

Vogts' new assistant will be his former mate at Borussia Monchengladbach and in the national side, Rainer Bonhof.

Nevertheless, Vogts is continuing the tradition of "Dynasty", the system of continuity for which the Germans are envied worldwide.

With one exception (Beckenbauer), Germany's national team managers have always been recruited from the DFB's own coaching staff and this trend goes back to the pre-war era.

The first national team boss was Prof. Otto Nerz in the 1930s.

He was succeeded by his assistant, the venerable Sepp Herberger.

He handed over the reins to his right-hand man Helmut Schon, who in turn passed on the responsibility to his lieutenant Jupp Derwall.

Beckenbauer was the only one engaged "out of line" of succession.

And now Vogts takes over and there couldn't have been a more popular choice.

He looks back on a marvellously successful career as a player having gained 96 caps — only Beckenbauer has more (103).

Hans-Hubert Vogts, the son of a shoemaker, was born on December 30, 1946 in Buttgen.

As a nine-year-old he already played for his local club VfR Buttgen with the juniors.

Other clubs rejected him later because he was too small.

But Berti persevered and despite limited natural talent made the grade through hard work, total commitment and discipline.

Three coaches, Heinz Murach, Dettmar Cramer and Hennes Weisweiler had a decisive influence on his development as a player.

Already as a youngster at 13, between 1959 and 1960, he lost both his parents and was raised by his aunt as a church-going Christian



BERTI VOGTS

and choir boy.

He learned the trade of a toolmaker, while coach Murach converted him from a forward to a defender.

From the junior ranks Berti made it to the national youth side and played in the UEFA-championships in 1965.

Although his favourite club was Fortuna Dusseldorf, he joined Borussia Monchengladbach, then in the Second Division, on the recommendation of Cramer who knew that Weisweiler would make Berti into a complete footballer.

He played in his first Bundesliga match in 1965 and two years later celebrated his international debut against Yugoslavia in Belgrade.

After 14 years at Gladbach he hung up his boots in 1979 to join the DFB.

Having meantime obtained his 'Trainer-Lizenz' (coaching diploma), he was put in charge of the newly created under-21 team.

Vogts was only 171cms yet as a defender he was a symbol of total engagement on the field.

As well as 96 caps he won the World Cup, two UEFA-Cup winners' mementoes, five West German league championship plaques, one for the DFB-Cup, was voted Footballer of the Year in 1971 and 1979 and played 419 Bundesliga games in which he scored 33 goals.

He was known as a "terrier" for his fierce

tackling and played his last international in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina in that 2-3 defeat by Austria.

Now he has reached the pinnacle of his career.

His engagement was greeted with almost unanimous delight.

His appointment was logical, moreover as the vast majority of the national squad's players have graduated through the under-21, or youth side, which Berti controlled.

Of the first choice players only sweeper Klaus Augenthaler was not his "pupil".

Not surprisingly all the internationals are solidly behind Vogts.

His first practical co-operation with Beckenbauer took place during the World Cup, in Italy.

Berti, sitting in the stand and with better overall dimensional vision, transmitted his observations to Franz by walkie-talkie!

Typical of the Germans, nothing was left to chance. And Vogts was also used spying out the next opposition.

Now he insists that all decisions will in future be left to him, that nobody will interfere with his work.

He has changed enormously in character over the years.

Through intensive reading and travel he has widened his horizons.

In Ireland he observed pure nature; in South America he crossed the continent in the Andes railway and in Alaska, equipped with a rucksack and camping utensils, he studied the natives.

He has become interested in the environment and human life and supports the "Greens" in their call to save nature.

Berti and wife Monika, a former air hostess, have a two-year-old son Justin-Peter.

He is as conscientious in his chosen profession as he was as a player and West German football can be thankful to have such a readymade successor to take the helm of the national side.

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Falcao gets Brazil post

AS predicted in ASW, Paulo Roberto Falcao, the former international with no coaching experience, was named the new coach of Brazil's national team in place of Sebastiao Lazaroni.

Falcao would head a "long-term" rebuilding project that would essentially exclude players with foreign clubs.

"The new team will be formed by players who play in this country," Falcao said.

The new coach said Brazilian soccer was going through "its worst moment ever."

Most of the players in Brazil's World Cup team were from European clubs.

The "foreigners" were rarely available for practice

and were tagged as "mercenaries" for haggling over prizemoney.

Falcao restrained from criticising the defensive tactics of Lazaroni's team. He said he would adapt his strategy to the players at hand.

Falcao was picked for the post over other candidates with successful coaching careers, including former national team coaches Mario Zagalo and Carlos Alberto Parreira and ex-goalie Emerson Leao.

Falcao's chances reportedly got a boost when West Germany won the World Cup in July.

Like Falcao, West German coach Franz Beckenbauer is a former star midfielder with no previous coaching experience.

Irish won't rest on their laurels

ITALIA '90 was probably the most joyous three weeks in the Republic of Ireland's history.



A happy David O'Leary celebrates his match-winning penalty against Romania at Italia '90.

The 'Boys in Green' kept the nation 'glued' to their television screens and pubs did great business.

Previous memorable events like the visits of the late John F Kennedy when President of the United States and Pope John Paul II paled

when compared to the triumphant homecoming afforded Jack Charlton and his squad.

Jack Charlton did remarkably well by getting the Republic to the quarter-final of the World Cup at their first attempt where they lost with dignity to hosts Italy.

Charlton's problem is that the Irish, who for decades were used to life in the doldrums, have now got used to success.

In his four years in charge Jack has got the Republic to the European Championships and World Cup finals. Now he has got to rebuild.

Unfortunately Charlton has only one game in which to experiment before the 1992 European Championship gets under way against Turkey in October.

That's a friendly against Morocco at Dalymount Park, Dublin on September 12.

At the time of writing Kevin Moran, at 34 the oldest member of the

team, is the only one who has intimated that he may retire.

However, it looks like the end of the road also for other veterans such as Gerry Peyton, Chris Hughton and Frank Stapleton.

Charlton has a difficult task ahead.

He took over a ready made team from Eoin Hand and introduced just two newcomers John Aldridge and Ray Houghton.

Now he has to rebuild, but says that there will only be gradual changes. Cambridge United's Liam Daish, who has impressed for the Irish B team is likely to be given a run in central defence and that would mean a continued exile for David O'Leary.

If the fans had their way Chris Morris place at right-back would be under threat.

However the Celtic defender had a reasonably good World Cup campaign, but his crossing is still not up to international standard. Manchester United's Denis Irwin will probably be given a chance to show what he can do. Steve Staunton looks safe at left back unless Jim Beglin can fight his way back.

Charlton has said that a fit Ronnie Whelan would be an automatic

choice in an Irish midfield, so who is going to be left out?

Sheedy could be the one to lose out if Charlton can find another player in the Tony Alvin mould, somebody who takes the ball to the byline and get a good cross in. Portsmouth's Mark Kelly showed he can do this when he made his debut against Yugoslavia in April 1988, but since then has made only two senior appearances.

John Sheridan must also come into the reckoning for midfield places as will Oldham's Mike Milligan.

But it's up front that the Irish have most problems.

Tony Cascarino, who looked the number one choice for the main striking role is now being strongly challenged by Niall Quinn.

John Aldridge's place must also be in doubt with Bernie Slaven and David Kelly likely to be given an opportunity to show that they can score goals.

After the highs of Euro '88 and Italia '90 it's going to take a supreme effort from the Irish to get the solitary qualifying spot for Sweden '92 from a group which includes England, Poland and Turkey.

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It's still open season on Diego Maradona

BY PIERO VALSECCHI OF AP

THE World Cup may be over but the war between Diego Maradona and Italian soccer fans lingers.

Following Italy's elimination, fans openly supported West Germany in the final against Argentina and Maradona ended the match beaten and in tears.

The Italian media was critical of both Maradona and the fans during the World Cup verbal war but recently has attempted to stop the anti-Napoli campaign.

"It's time to stop the idiots, before they can cause serious damage to the championship," wrote Rome's widely circulated daily La Repubblica.

"Alarming racist campaign against Napoli and Maradona," echoed Milan's daily Corriere della Sera.

Milan's Ruud Gullit and Roberto Baggio, the new star forward of Juventus, both made public appeals for stopping what they called the lynching of Maradona and Napoli.

Maradona has refused to talk to Italian reporters.

He may have been trying his own method of cooling the controversy, which has spilled into other sports and left Italian-Argentine relations tense.

But he struck more trouble when police impounded his Ferrari Testarossa sports car after the footballer was caught speeding and driving without a proper licence or insurance.

Maradona completed



DIEGO MARADONA

his trip to Naples' training ground by taxi.

The battle of curses and recriminations, of charges and counter-charges that burst out during the finals will enter a new phase when the Italian league season opens on September 9.

Already, hostile crowds have booed and jeered at Napoli, Maradona's Italian team, during preseason games in northern Italy.

The shouts and slogans against the Argen-

tine star and his defending-champion club were loud and persistent in Reggio Emilia, Padua, Trento and Asiago earlier this month — even though Maradona was nowhere in sight as he was just back from a summer holiday in his homeland.

Club officials fear harder times once the Argentine captain is back in the Naples lineup and want the Italian Soccer Federation to get tough with abusive fans.

"The Federation must defend Napoli against increasing groups of foolish people. Serious disturbances may occur if our fans and players are insulted at any game," Napoli general manager Luciano Moggi said.

Italian clubs are held responsible for their fans' behaviour and can be fined or banned from home games in case of disturbances.

Maradona angered many Italian fans early in the summer when he said that racism was behind the widespread support for A.C. Milan, the powerful team from the industrialised north, against Napoli, from the depressed south.

Racial issues have become a thorny topic in Italy following the growing number of black immigrants and the success at recent regional elections of political groups opposing the central government's immigration policy.

The controversy intensified when Italian fans whistled at Maradona and the Argentine national anthem during the World Cup opener in Milan on June 8, and after Argentina eliminated Italy in the semi-finals.

Maradona caused further debate before that game when he called on Neapolitan fans to cheer for Argentina against their national team.



TAB RAMOS — the talented Uruguayan-born US World Cup player, is considering offers to play in Spain this coming season.

Europe prospers as "Iron Curtain" lifts

SOCCER is benefitting from the political changes in Eastern Europe with transfers that would have been unthinkable a year ago when communist governments kept their borders tightly shut.

Soccer also seemed to be ahead of the field in the German unification program.

The Bundesliga kicked off with teams strictly from West Germany.

Next year, East German clubs will join the West German First Division as the two German leagues begin to merge and already there have been some significant player transfers.

West Germany's Bayer Leverkusen paid \$3 million for East German striker Ulf Kirsten and Hamburg bought two East German international players, Thomas Doll and Frank Rohde, for a combined \$2.2 million.

Borussia Dortmund, Stuttgart and Kaiserslautern also went shopping in East Germany.

Additionally, beginning January 1, there will be one German national team, giving it twice the power to defend its recently won World Cup title.

German transfers have not been all one way.

Czechoslovak international midfielder Pavel Chaloupka moved from West Germany's Fortuna Duesseldorf to East Germany's FC Berlin, and Kaiserslautern released striker Sergio Allieue to Dynamo Dresden.

Joe Venglos switched from being Czechoslovakia's national team coach to manager to English club Aston Villa.

Now the wealthy west European clubs are chasing the best East European players, some at cut-rate prices.

Spain's Real Madrid, Europe's most successful club, now has Romania's most sought-after player, Gheorghe Hagi.

Reports said Real paid between \$4 and \$6 million for the talented midfielder, which is a bargain by western transfer standards.

Real also has signed Yugoslav defender Pedrag Spasic, while Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoichkov will play for Barcelona this season.

Yugoslavia's inspirational playmaker Dragan Stojkovic has joined French champion Olympique Marseille, and Romania's Gheorghe Popescu has signed with Dutch club PSV Eindhoven.

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Another Romanian star, Marius Lacatus, will play for Fiorentina in Italy, while Czechoslovakia's star striker Tomas Skuhravy will join Genoa alongside Soviet forward Igor Dobrovolski.

Alexei Mikhailichenko, another of the Soviet stars in the 1988 Olympic and European Championship, will line up for Sampdoria of Genoa and Scottish champion Glasgow Rangers will have another Soviet, Oleg Kutznetsov, in October when the Soviet season ends.

Kutznetsov plays for Dynamo Kiev.

Dutch giants seek their former glory

DUTCH glamour club Feyenoord, for once, seem to have brought the right players.

They finished eleventh last season, but the club should surely now regain their traditional place in the first three.

In the last decade, innumerable signings have failed in Rotterdam.

But the Dutch international Henk Fraser, Ed de Goey, Harry van der Laan and particularly the Romanian midfielder Ioan Sabau, formerly of Dynamo Bucharest, appear inspired choices.

For once, Feyenoord have managed to sign players good enough for Ajax and PSV.

Fraser, 24, from Roda Kerkrade, is one of the hottest properties in Holland.

He started his career as a mediocre striker, but soon metamorphosed into a quick, intelligent, skilful central defender.

Fraser was a member of Holland's World Cup squad. Roda are losing their other star, striker John van Loen, to Anderlecht.

Sabau, 22, was one of the best Romanians at the World Cup. A law student and defensive midfielder, he is one of the many Romanian footballers to go West after Ceausescu's fall.

De Goey, 23, has excelled for years in Sparta Rotterdam's goal. Although Sparta play just across the Rhine from Feyenoord, it always seemed certain that in time De Goey would make the trek to Eindhoven, to replace Hans van Breukelen when the international grew old.



IOAN SABAU

This season, however, PSV signed Fortuna Sittard's Ruud Hesp as Van Breukelen's successor.

Hesp, generally regarded as the best young keeper in Holland, will remain in Sittard for one more season, Van Breukelen's last at PSV.

Joop Hiele, Feyenoord's goalkeeper for over a decade, will move on to SVV Schiedam, who this season gained promotion to become the third Rotterdam side in the premier division.

Hiele is only 31 and a member of the Dutch World Cup squad, so Feyenoord seem to be discarding him somewhat prematurely.

The reasons seem to be personal: Ger Lagendijk, Feyenoord's new general manager, has taken a dislike to Hiele. SVV are delighted.

Touts' Bonanza

SCALPERS netted an estimated \$830,000 from fans desperate for tickets for this year's FA Cup final.

A study by trading standards officers in Liverpool and Croydon, south London, found the average mark-up was \$330 a ticket, with some changing hands at 28 times face value, and one fan paying \$830 for a \$60 seat.

Officers questioned thousands of fans arriving at the Manchester United v Crystal Palace final in May, and estimated 2,500 tickets were sold by touts.

They named 25 League clubs, county football associations and other organisations

whose tickets were sold by touts, and said the largest number of touted tickets came from Manchester United's own allocation.

Liverpool consumer protection chairman Councillor Robert Quinn said: "The fans are still being fleeced and their safety is being put at risk because touted tickets make a mockery of careful segregation plans."

